# Package 'asremlPlus'

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Note that many of the function below are S3 methods so that the suffix can be omitted. Of course, whether or not the suffix is omitted, the object supplied to the first argument must be of the class specified by the suffix. For example <code>getFormulae.asreml</code> is a <code>getFormulae</code> method for an <code>asreml.object</code> and so <code>.asreml</code> can be omitted and the object supplied to the first argument must be of class <code>asreml</code>.

(i) Data

Oats.dat Data for an experiment to investigate nitrogen response of

3 oats varieties.

Wheat.dat Data for an experiment to investigate 25 varieties of

wheat.

WaterRunoff.dat Data for an experiment to investigate the quality of

water runoff over time

(ii) Model modification

addSpatialModel.asrtests Adds, to a supplied model, a spatial model that accounts for local spatial variation.

addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests Uses information criteria to decide whether to add a spatial model to account for local spatial variation.

changeTerms.asrtests

Adds and drops terms from one or both of the fixed or random model, replaces the residual (rcov) model with a new model

and changes bounds or initial values of terms. Subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object iterate.asrtests to further iterations of the fitting process. newfit.asreml Refits an asrem1 model with changed arguments by extracting, modifying and evaluating its call - an alternate to update.asreml. Reparamterizes each random (deviations) term reparamSigDevn.asrtests involving 'devn.fac' to a fixed term and ensures that the same term, with 'trend.num' replacing 'devn.fac', is included if any other term with 'trend.num' is included in 'terms'. Removes any boundary or singular variance components rmboundary.asrtests from the fit stored in 'asreml.obj' and records their removal in an asrtests.object. setvarianceterms.call Allows the setting of bounds and initial values for terms in the 'random' and 'residual' arguments of an 'asreml' call. (iii) Model selection and description Adds a row to a test. summary data. frame. addto.test.summary changeModelOnIC.asrtests Uses information criteria to decide whether to change an already fitted model. Determines and records the set of significant terms using an chooseModel.asrtests asrtests.object, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality relations of the terms.. Determines the set of significant terms from results stored chooseModel.data.frame in a data. frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms and recording the tests used in a data.frame. chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests Uses information criteria to choose the best fitting spatial model for accounting for local spatial variation. Gets the p-value for a test recorded in the test.summary getTestPvalue.asrtests data.frame of an asrtests.object. Computes AIC and BIC for models. infoCriteria.asreml infoCriteria.list Computes AIC and BIC for models. Calculates the adjusted coefficient of determination for a R2adj.asreml specified combination of fixed and random terms. Recalculates the denDF, F.inc and P values for a table recalcWaldTab.asrtests of Wald test statistics obtained using 'wald.asreml'. Performs a REML ratio test. REMLRT.asreml bootREMLRT.asreml Performs a REML ratio test using the parametric bootstrap. testranfix.asrtests Tests for a single fixed or random term in model fitted using 'asreml' and records the result in an asrtests.object. Fits a new residual formula using 'asreml', tests testresidual.asrtests whether the change is significant and records the result in an asrtests.object.

testswapran.asrtests

Tests, using a REMLRT, the significance of the difference

between the current random model and one in which oldterms are dropped and newterms are added. The result is recorded

in an asrtests.object.

## (iv) Model diagnostics and simulation

plotVariofaces

variofaces.asreml

estimateV.asreml

simulate.asreml

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, from supplied residuals as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

Calculates and plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009). Forms the estimated variance, random or residual matrix for the observations from the variance parameter estimates. Produce sets of simulated data from a multivariate normal distribution and save quantities related to the simulated data.

## (v) Prediction production and presentation

addBacktransforms.alldiffs

allDifferences.data.frame

exploreLSDs

linTransform.alldiffs

pair diffs Transform. all diffs

pickLSDstatistics

 $\verb|plotLSDerrors.data.frame|$ 

 ${\tt plotLSDerrors.all} diffs$ 

 $\verb|plotLSDs.data.frame| \\$ 

plotLSDs.alldiffs

plotPredictions.data.frame

plotPvalues.alldiffs

plotPvalues.data.frame
predictPlus.asreml

Adds or recalculates the backtransforms component of an  ${\tt alldiffs.object.}$ 

Using supplied predictions and standard errors of pairwise differences or the variance matrix of predictions, forms all pairwise differences between the set of predictions, and p-values for the differences.

Explores the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

Calculates a linear transformation of the predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

Calculates the differences between nominated pairs of predictions stored in an alldiffs.object

Pick LSDstatistics whose values minimize the number of

errors in pairwise comparisons of predictions. Plots a map of the supplied errors that occur in using the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between

computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

Plots a map of the errors that occur in using the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions. Plots a heat map of computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

Plots a heat map of computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

Plots the predictions for a term, possibly with error bars.

Plots the p-values in the p.differences components of an alldiffs.object as a heat map.

Plots the p-values in data.frame as a heat map.
Forms the predictions and associated statistics for a term, using an asreml object and a wald.tab and taking into account that a numeric vector and a factor having parallel values may occur in the model. It stores the results in an object of class 'alldifffs' and may print the results. It can be

when there are not parallel values.

Forms the predictions for each of one or more terms

predictPresent.asreml

and presents them in tables and/or graphs.

ratioTransform.alldiffs Calculates the ratios of nominated pairs of predictions stored in an alldiffs.object. recalcLSD.alldiffs Adds or recalculates the LSD. frame that is a component of an alldiffs.object. redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs Adds or replaces the error intervals stored in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. renewClassify.alldiffs Renews the components in an alldiffs.object according to a new classify. sort.alldiffs Sorts the components in an alldiffs.object according to the predicted values associated with a factor. Subsets the components in an alldiffs.object according subset.alldiffs to the supplied condition. sort.predictions.frame Sorts a predictions. frame according to the predicted values. associated with a factor. (vi) Response transformation angular Applies the angular transformation to proportions. angular.mod Applies the modified angular transformation to a vector of counts. powerTransform Performs a combination of a linear and a power transformation on a variable. The transformed variable is stored in the 'data.frame data'. (vii) Object manipulation Forms an alldiffs.object from the supplied as.alldiffs predictions, along with those statistics, associated with the predictions and their pairwise differences, that have been supplied. Pseudonym for as.asrtests. asrtests Forms an asrtests.object that stores as.asrtests (i) a fitted asreml object. (ii) a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms and (iii) a history of changes and hypothesis testing used in obtaining the model. Forms a predictions. frame from a data.frame, ensuring as.predictions.frame that the correct columns are present. Recreates an asreml object so that it is compatible with the convAsremlobj.asreml currently loaded asreml version. Converts the effects names for a term stored in the component of an convEffectNames2DataFrame.asreml asreml object into a data.frame. facCombine.alldiffs Combines several factors into one in the components of an alldiffs.object. Reorders and/or revises the factor levels using the order of facRecast.alldiffs old levels in levels.order and the new labels for the levels given in newlabels. facRename.alldiffs Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. Gets the formulae from an asreml object. getFormulae.asreml is.alldiffs A single-line function that tests whether an object is

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The functions whose names end in 'alldiffs" utilize an alldiffs.object that stores: (i) a predictions.frame, being a data frame containing predicted values, variables indexing them and their standard errors and estimability status; the lower and upper limits of error intervals will be included when these are requested, (ii) optionally, square matrices containing all pairwise differences, the standard errors and p-values of the differences, and a data.frame containing LSD values and their summary statistics, (iii) optionally, the variance matrix of the predictions, and (iv) if the response was transformed for analysis, a data frame with backtransforms of the predicted values.

The functions whose names end in 'asrtests', which are most of the model functions, utilize an asrtests.object that stores: (i) the currently fitted model in asreml.obj, (ii) the table of test statistics for the fixed effects in wald.tab, and (iii) a data frame that contains a history of the changes made to the model in test.summary.

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## See Also

asreml

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Analyse wheat dat using asreml and asremlPlus (see the WheatSpatial Vignette for details)
## Set up for analysis
library(dae)
library(asreml)
library(asremlPlus)
## use ?Wheat.dat for data set details
data(Wheat.dat)
# Add row and column covariates for the spatial modelling
tmp.dat <- within(Wheat.dat,</pre>
                     cColumn <- dae::as.numfac(Column)</pre>
                     cColumn <- cColumn - mean(unique(cColumn))</pre>
                     cRow <- dae::as.numfac(Row)</pre>
                     cRow <- cRow - mean(unique(cRow))</pre>
                   })
# Fit an initial model - Row and column random
current.asr <- do.call(asreml,</pre>
                        list(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,
                             random = ~ Row + Column,
                             residual = ~ Row:Column,
                             data = tmp.dat))
# Intialize a model sequence by loading the current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL, IClikelihood = "full",</pre>
                             label = "Initial model")
# Check for and remove any boundary terms and print a summary of the fit in the asrtests object
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
print(current.asrt)
## Compare a series of information criteria to select a linear mixed model for the data
# Check the need for the term for within Column pairs (a post hoc factor)
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt, dropFixed = "WithinColPairs",</pre>
                             label = "Try dropping withinColPairs", IClikelihood = "full")
print(current.asrt)
# Fit an ar1 model for local spatial variation
spatial.ar1.asrt <- addSpatialModelOnIC(current.asrt, spatial.model = "corr",</pre>
                                          row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
```

```
row.factor = "Row", col.factor = "Column",
                                         IClikelihood = "full")
spatial.ar1.asrt <- rmboundary(spatial.ar1.asrt)</pre>
infoCriteria(list(nonspatial = current.asrt$asreml.obj,
                  ar1 = spatial.ar1.asrt$asreml.obj))
print(spatial.ar1.asrt)
# Choose a model for local spatial variation from several potential models
suppressWarnings(
  spatial.asrts <- chooseSpatialModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                           row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
                                           row.factor = "Row", col.factor = "Column",
                                           dropRandom = "Row + Column",
                                           rotateX = TRUE, ngridangles = NULL,
                                           asreml.option = "grp", return.asrts = "all"))
# Output the results
print(spatial.asrts$spatial.IC)
print(R2adj(spatial.asrts$asrts$TPNCSS$asreml.obj, include.which.random = ~ .))
print(spatial.asrts$best.spatial.mod)
print(spatial.asrts$asrts$TPNCSS)
printFormulae(spatial.asrts$asrts$TPNCSS$asreml.obj)
## Diagnosting checking using residual plots and variofaces
# Get current fitted asreml object and update to include standardized residuals
current.asr <- spatial.asrts$asrts$TPNCSS$asreml.obj</pre>
current.asr <- update(current.asr, aom=TRUE)</pre>
Wheat.dat$res <- residuals(current.asr, type = "stdCond")</pre>
Wheat.dat$fit <- fitted(current.asr)</pre>
# Do residuals-versus-fitted values plot
with(Wheat.dat, plot(fit, res))
# Plot variofaces
variofaces(current.asr, V=NULL, units="addtores",
           maxiter=50, update = FALSE,
           ncores = parallel::detectCores())
# Plot normal quantile plot
ggplot(data = Wheat.dat, mapping = aes(sample = res)) +
  stat_qq_band(bandType = "ts") + stat_qq_line() + stat_qq_point() +
  labs(x = "Theoretical Quantiles", y = "Sample Quantiles",
       title = "Normal probability plot") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 12, face = "bold")) + theme_bw()
## Prediction production and presentation
# Get Variety predictions and all pairwise prediction differences and p-values
Var.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Variety",</pre>
                         asreml.obj=current.asr,
                          error.intervals="halfLeast",
                         wald.tab=current.asrt$wald.tab,
                          sortFactor = "Variety",
                          tables = "predictions")
# Plot the Variety predictions, with halfLSD intervals, and the p-values
plotPredictions(Var.diffs$predictions,
```

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addBacktransforms.alldiffs

Adds or recalculates the backtransforms component of an alldiffs.object.

## **Description**

Given an alldiffs.object, adds or recalculate its backtransforms component. The values of transform.power, offset, scale and transform.function from the backtransforms component will be used, unless this component is NULL when the values supplied in the call will be used.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object. transform.power

A numeric specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transformation raises the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform.power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential of the predictions is taken.

offset

A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.

scale

A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

transform.function

A character giving the name of a function that specifies the scale on which the predicted values are defined. This may be the result of a transformation of the data using the function or the use of the function as a link function in the fitting of a generalized linear (mixed) model (GL(M)M). The possible transform.functions are identity, log, inverse, sqrt, logit, probit, and cloglog. The predicted.values and error.intervals, if not StandardError intervals, will be back-transformed using the inverse function of the transform.function. The standard.error column will be set to NA, unless (i) asreml returns columns named transformed.value and approx.se, as well as those called predicted.values and standard.error (such as when a GLM is fitted) and (ii) the values in transformed.value are equal to those obtained by backtransforming the predicted.values

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using the inverse function of the transform.function. Then, the approx.se values will be saved in the standard.error column of the backtransforms component of the returned alldiffs.obj. Also, the transformed.value and approx.se columns are removed from both the predictions and backtransforms components of the alldiffs.obj. Note that the values that end up in the standard errors column are approximate for the backtransformed values and are not used in calculating error.intervals.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

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An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms.

The backtransforms component will have the attributes (i) LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic added from the predictions component and (ii) transform.power, offset, scale, and link.

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#### See Also

asremlPlus-package, as.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml

## **Examples**

```
##Subset WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18" & Benches != "3")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
\#\#Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &&
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
```

```
data=tmp)
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Recalculate the back-transforms of the predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
  TS.diffs <- addBacktransforms.alldiffs(TS.diffs, transform.power = 0)
}
```

addSpatialModel.asrtests

Adds, to a supplied model, a spatial model that accounts for local spatial variation.

## Description

Adds either a correlation, two-dimensional tensor-product natural cubic smoothing spline (TP-NCSS), or a two-dimensional tensor-product penalized P-spline model (TPPS) to account for the local spatial variation exhibited by a response variable measured on a potentially irregular grid of rows and columns of the units. The data may be arranged in sections, for each of which there is a grid and for which the model is to be fitted separately. Also, the rows and columns of a grid are not necessarily one observational unit wide. For TPPS models for which the order of differencing the penalty matrix is two, the improvement in the fit from rotating the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix can be investigated.

No hypothesis testing or comparison of information criteria is made. To only change the terms based on a comparison of information criteria use chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests.

The model fit supplied in the asrtests.obj should not include terms that will be included in the local spatial model. All spatial model terms are fitted as fixed or random. Consequently, the residual model does not have to be iid.

One or more rows is added for each section to the test.summary data.frame. Convergence and the occurrence of fixed correlations in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated for the new model.

## Usage

```
row.factor = "Row", col.factor = "Col",
corr.funcs = c("ar1", "ar1"), corr.orders = c(0, 0),
row.corrFitfirst = TRUE, allow.corrsJointFit = TRUE,
dropFixed = NULL, dropRandom = NULL,
nsegs = NULL, nestorder = c(1,1),
degree = c(3,3), difforder = c(2,2),
usRandLinCoeffs = TRUE,
rotateX = FALSE, ngridangles = NULL,
which.rotacriterion = "AIC", nrotacores = 1,
asreml.option = "grp", tpps4mbf.obj = NULL,
allow.unconverged = FALSE, allow.fixedcorrelation = FALSE,
checkboundaryonly = FALSE, update = FALSE,
maxit = 30, IClikelihood = "full", which.IC = "AIC", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

spatial.model

A single character string nominating the type of spatial model to fit. Possible values are corr, TPNCSS and TPPS.

sections

A single character string that specifies the name of the column in the data. frame that contains the factor that identifies different sections of the data to which separate spatial models are to be fitted. Note that, for other terms that involve sections in the random formula, there should be separate terms for each level of sections. For example, in a blocked experiment involving multiple sites, there should be the sum of separate terms for the Blocks at each Site i.e. a formula that contains terms like at(Site, i):Block for each site and these are separated by '+'. Otherwise, the combined term (e.g. Site:Block) will impact on the fitting of the local spatial models for the different Sites. Similarly, a separate residual variance for each of the sections should be fitted, unless there is a need to fit a different variance structure to the residual, e.g. heterogeneous residual variances depending on treatments. Separate residual variances for sections can be achieved using the asreml functions dsum or idh. Because, unlike random terms, terms for residual variances are not removed from the model, compound residual terms can be used to include them in the model, e.g. terms with idh or dsum with multiple levels in the list or leaving levels out altogether. In addition to allowing the independent fitting of models to the sections, separate residual variance terms allows a nugget variance to be fitted in a correlation model for each of the sections.

row.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the rows of a grid. The numeric must be a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the columns of a grid. The numeric must be a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

row.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the rows of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the columns of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

corr.funcs

A single character string of length two that specifies the asreml one-dimensional correlation or variance model function for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model to be fitted when spatial.model is corr; the two-dimensional model is fitted as a random term. If a correlation or variance model is not to be investigated for one of the dimensions, specify "" for that dimension. If the correlation model is corb, the values of corr.orders are used for its order argument (b).

corr.orders

A numeric of length two that specifies the order argument (b) values for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model when spatial.model is corr and the corr.funcs for a dimension is corb, the asreml banded correlation model. If one of the dimensions does not involve an order argument, set the value of corr.orders for that dimension to zero. For a dimension for which the corr.funcs is corb and corr.orders is zero, a model with a single band, the correlation between immediate neighbours, will be fitted and then further bands, up to a maximum of 10 bands, will be added until the addition of an extra band does not reduce the information criterion nominated using which. IC. Note that the two-dimensional spatial model is fitted as a random term.

row.corrFitfirst

A logical. If TRUE then, in fitting the model for spatial.model set to corr, the row correlation or variance function is fitted first, followed by the addition of the column correlation or variance function. If FALSE, the order of fitting is reversed.

allow.corrsJointFit

A logical which, if TRUE, will allow the simultaneous fitting of correlation functions for the two dimensions of the grid when separate fits have failed to fit any correlation functions. This argument is available for when a joint fit hangs the system.

dropFixed

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of ". ~ . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.obj. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

dropRandom

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of "  $\sim$  . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

nsegs

A pair of numeric values giving the number of segments into which the column and row ranges are to be split, respectively, for fitting a P-spline model (TPPS) (each value specifies the number of internal knots + 1). If not specified, then (number of unique values - 1) is used in each dimension; for a grid layout with equal spacing, this gives a knot at each data value. If sections is not NULL and the grid differs between the sections, then nsegs will differ between the sections.

nestorder

A numeric of length 2. The order of nesting for column and row dimensions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline model (TPPS). A value of 1 specifies no nesting, a value of 2 generates a spline with half the number of segments in that dimension, etc. The number of segments in each direction must be a multiple of the order of nesting.

degree

A numeric of length 2. The degree of polynomial spline to be used for column and row dimensions respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

difforder

A numeric of length 2. The order of differencing for column and row dimensions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

usRandLinCoeffs

A logical which, if TRUE, will attempt to fit an unstructured variance model to the constant and linear terms in the interactions for constant and linear terms in one grid dimension interacting with smooth terms in the second grid dimension. The unstructured variance model can only be fitted if both the constant and linear interaction terms have been retained in the fitted model. This argument can be used to omit the attempt to fit an unstructured variance model when the attempt results in a system error.

rotateX

A logical indicating whether to rotate the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix, as described by Piepho, Boer and Williams (2022), when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Setting rotateX to TRUE results in a search for an optimized rotation under a model that omits the random spline interaction terms. If ngridangles is set to NULL, the optimal rotation us found using an optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, the optimal rotation is found by exploring the fit over a two-dimensional grid of rotation angle pairs. The optimization seeks to optimize the criterion

nominated in which rotacriterion. Rotation of the eigenvectors is only relevant for difforder values greater than 1 and has only been implemented for difforder equal to 2.

ngridangles

A numeric of length 2. If NULL (the default), the optimal pair of angles for rotating the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix of a P-spline (TPPS) will be determined using a nonlinear optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, its two values specify the numbers of angles between 0 and 90 degrees for each of the row and column dimensions to be used in determining the optimal pair of angles. Specifying factors of 90 will result in integer-valued angles. The number of grid points, and hence re-analyses will be the product of the values of (ngridangles + 1).

which.rotacriterion

A single character string nominating which of the criteria, out of the deviance, the likelihood, the AIC and the BIC, is to be used in determining the optimal rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix. The deviance uses the REML value computed by asreml; the other criteria use the full likelihood, evaluated using the REML estimates, that is computed by infoCriteria.asreml.

nrotacores

A numeric specifying the number of cores to deploy for running the analyses required to search the two-dimensional grid of rotation angles when rotateX is TRUE. Parallel processing has been implemented for analyzing, for each column angle, the set of angles to be investigated for the row dimension. The default value of one means that parallel processing will not be used. The value chosen for nrotacores needs to balanced against the other processes that are using parallel processing at the same time.

asreml.option

A single character string specifying whether the grp or mbf methods are to be used to supply externally formed covariate matrices to asreml when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Compared to the mbf method, the grp method is somewhat faster, but creates large asrtests.objects for which the time it takes to save them can exceed any gains in execution speed. The grp method adds columns to the data.frame containing the data. On the other hand, the mbf method adds only the fixed covariates to data and stores the random covariates in the environment of the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function; there are three smaller data.frames for each section that are not stored in the asreml.object resulting from the fitted model.

tpps4mbf.obj

An object made with makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame that contains the spline basis information for fitting P-splines. The argument tpps4mbf.obj only needs to be set when the mbf option of asreml.option is being used and it is desired to use mbf data.frames that have been created and stored prior to calling addSpatialModel.asrtests. If tpps4mbf.obj is NULL,

makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame will be called internally to produce the required mbf data.frames.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned.

The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead. Note that, for correlation models, the fitting of each dimension and the test for a nugget term are performed with checkboundaryonly set to TRUE and its supplied setting only honoured using a call to rmboundary.asrtests immediately prior to returning the final result of the fitting.

update If TRUE, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the

> values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) to add the terms for the spatial models

and (ii) those specified via . . . .

A numeric specifying the maximum number of iterations that asreml should

perform in fitting a model.

IClikelihood A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for

> information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included.

(See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

which.IC A character specifying the information criterion to be used in selecting the

> best model. Possible values are AIC and BIC. The value of the criterion for supplied model must exceed that for changed model for the changed model to be returned. (For choosing the rotation angle of the eigenvectors of the penalty

matrix, see which.rotacriterion.

Further arguments passed to changeModelOnIC.asrtests, newfit.asreml, asreml

and tpsmmb.

## Details

The model to which the spatial models is to be added is supplied in the asrtests.obj. It should not include terms that will be included in the local spatial model. All spatial model terms are fitted as fixed or random. Consequently, the residual model does not have to be iid. The improvement in the fit resulting from the addition of a spatial model to the supplied model is evaluated. Note that the data must be in the order that corresponds to the residual argument with a variable to the right of another variable changes levels in the data frame faster than those of the other variable e.g. Row: Column implies that all levels for Column in consecutive rows of the data. frame with a single Row level.

For the corr spatial model, the default model is an autocorrelation model of order one (ar1) for each dimension. However, any of the single dimension correlation/variance models from asreml can be specified for each dimension, as can no correlation model for a dimension; the models for the two dimensions can differ. Using a forward selection procedure, a series of models are tried, without removing boundary or singular terms, beginning with the addition of row correlation and followed by the addition of column correlation or, if the row.corrFitfirst is set to FALSE, the reverse order. If the fitting of the first-fitted correlation did not result in a model change because the fitting did not converge or correlations were fixed, but the fit of the second correlation was successful, then adding the first correlation will be retried. If one of the metric correlation functions is specified (e.g. exp), then the row.covar or col.covar will be used in the spatial model. However, because

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the correlations are fitted separately for the two dimensions, the row.factor and col.factor are needed for all models and is used for a dimension that does not involve a correlation/variance function for the fit being performed. Also, the correlation models are fitted as random terms and so the correlation model will include a variance parameter for the grid even when ar1 is used to specify the correlation model, i.e. the model fitted is a variance model and there is no difference between ar1 and ar1v in fitting the model. The variance parameter for this term represents the spatial variance and the fit necessarily includes a nugget term, this being the residual variance. If any correlation is retained in the model, for a section if sections is not NULL, then the need for a nugget term is assessed by fixing the corresponding residual variance to one, unless there are multiple residual variances and these are not related to the sections. Once the fitting of the correlation model has been completed, the rmboundary function will be executed with the checkboundaryonly value supplied in the addSpatialModel.asrtests call. Finally, checking for bound and singular random terms associated with the correlation model and residual terms will be carried out when there are correlation terms in the model and checkboundaryonly has been set to FALSE; as many as possible will be removed from the fitted model, in some cases by fixing variance terms to one.

The tensor-product natural-cubic-smoothing-spline (TPNCSS) spatial models are as described by Verbyla et al. (2018). The tensor-product penalized-spline (TPPS) models are as described by (Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022). For the TPPS model, the degree of the polynomial and the order of differencing can be varied. The defaults of 3 and 2, respectively, fit a cubic spline with second order differencing, which is similar to those of Rodriguez-Alvarez et al. (2018). Setting both the degree and order of differencing to 1 will fit a type of linear variance model. The fixed terms for the spline models are row.covar + col.covar + row.covar:col.covar and the random terms are spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) + dev(row.covar) + dev(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):col.covar +

row.covar:spl(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):spl(col.covar), except that spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) is not included in TPPS models. The supplied model should not include any of these terms. However, any fixed or random main-effect Row or Column term that has been included as an initial model for comparison with a spatial model can be removed prior to fitting the spatial model using dropFixed or dropRandom. For TPPS with second-order differencing, the model matrices used to fit the random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) are transformed using the spectral decomposition of their penalty matrices, and unstructured variance models across the columns of the linear component of each of them will be tried. For TPPS with second-order differencing, it is also possible to investigate the rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors for the random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) (for more information see Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022). The investigation takes the form of a search over a grid of rotation angles for a reduced model; the fit of the full model with rotation will be returned.

The TPPCS and TPP1LS models are fitted using functions from the R package TPSbits authored by Sue Welham (2022). There are two methods for supplying the spline basis information produced by tpsmmb to asreml. The grp method adds it to the data.frame supplied in the data argument of the asreml call. The mbf method creates smaller data.frames with the spline basis information in the same environment as the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function. If it is desired to use in a later session, an asreml function, or asrtests function that calls asreml, (e.g. predict.asreml, predictPlus.asreml, or changeTerms.asrtests) on an asreml.object created using mbf terms, then the mbf data.frames will need to be recreated using makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame in the new session, supplying, if there has been rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors, the theta values that are returned as the attribute theta.opt of the asreml.obj.

All models utlize the function changeTerms.asrtests to fit the spatial model. Arguments from tpsmmb and changeTerms.asrtests can be supplied in calls to addSpatialModel.asrtests and will be passed on to the relevant function through the ellipses argument (...).

The data for experiment can be divided sections and the same spatial model fitted separately to each. The fit over all of the sections is assessed. For more detail see sections above.

Each combination of a row.coords and a col.coords does not have to specify a single observation; for example, to fit a local spatial model to the main units of a split-unit design, each combination would correspond to a main unit and all subunits of the main unit would have the same combination.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, possibly with attribute theta.opt, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary for the model that includes the spatial model, unless the spatial model fails to be fitted when allow.unconverged and/or allow.fixedcorrelation is set to FALSE. If the asrtests.object is the result of fitting a TPPCS model with an exploration of the rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix for the linear components, then the asreml.obj will have an attribute theta.opt that contains the optimal rotation angles of the eigenvectors.

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#### See Also

as.asrtests, makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame, addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml

#### **Examples**

```
#Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                      random = ~ Row + Column,
                      data=Wheat.dat)
#Create an asrtests object, removing boundary terms
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                             label = "Random Row and Column effects")
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
#Create an asrtests object with a P-spline spatial variation model
spatial.asrt <- addSpatialModel(current.asrt, spatial.model = "TPPS",</pre>
                                 row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
                                 dropRowterm = "Row", dropColterm = "Column",
                                 asreml.option = "grp")
infoCriteria(current.asrt$asreml.obj)
#Create an asrtests object with a P-spline spatial variation model
#that includes rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix
spatial.asrt <- addSpatialModel(current.asrt, spatial.model = "TPPS",</pre>
                                 row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
                                 dropRowterm = "Row", dropColterm = "Column",
                                 rotateX = TRUE,
                                 which.rotacriterion = "dev",
                                 nrotacores = parallel::detectCores(),
                                 asreml.option = "mbf")
infoCriteria(current.asrt$asreml.obj)
## End(Not run)
```

addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests

Uses information criteria to decide whether to add a spatial model to account for local spatial variation.

## Description

Adds either a correlation, two-dimensional tensor-product natural cubic smoothing spline (TP-NCSS), or a two-dimensional tensor-product penalized P-spline model (TPPS) to account for the local spatial variation exhibited by a response variable measured on a potentially irregular grid of rows and columns of the units. The data may be arranged in sections for each of which there is a grid and for which the model is to be fitted separately. Also, the rows and columns of a grid are not necessarily one observational unit wide. The spatial model is only added if the information criterion of the supplied model is decreased with the addition of the local spatial model. For TPPS models for which the order of differencing the penalty matrix is two, the improvement in the fit from rotating the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix can be investigated; if there is no improvement, the unrotated fit will be returned.

A row is added for each section to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object stating whether or not the new model has been swapped for a model in which the spatial model has been add to the supplied model. Convergence and the occurrence of fixed correlations in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated to exhibit the differences between the supplied and the new model, if a spatial model is added.

#### **Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
addSpatialModelOnIC(asrtests.obj, spatial.model = "TPPS",
                    sections = NULL,
                    row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cCol",
                    row.factor = "Row", col.factor = "Col",
                    corr.funcs = c("ar1", "ar1"), corr.orders = c(0, 0),
                    row.corrFitfirst = TRUE, allow.corrsJointFit = TRUE,
                    dropFixed = NULL, dropRandom = NULL,
                    nsegs = NULL, nestorder = c(1,1),
                    degree = c(3,3), difforder = c(2,2),
                    usRandLinCoeffs = TRUE,
                    rotateX = FALSE, ngridangles = NULL,
                    which.rotacriterion = "AIC", nrotacores = 1,
                    asreml.option = "grp", tpps4mbf.obj = NULL,
                    allow.unconverged = FALSE, allow.fixedcorrelation = FALSE,
                    checkboundaryonly = FALSE, update = FALSE,
                    maxit = 30, IClikelihood = "full", which.IC = "AIC", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

spatial.model

A single character string nominating the type of spatial model to fit. Possible values are corr, TPNCSS and TPPS.

sections

A single character string that specifies the name of the column in the data. frame that contains the factor that identifies different sections of the data to which separate spatial models are to be fitted. Note that, for other terms that involve sections in the random formula, there should be separate terms for each level of sections. For example, in a blocked experiment involving multiple sites, there should be the sum of separate terms for the Blocks at each Site i.e. a formula that contains terms like at(Site, i):Block for each site and these are separated by '+'. Otherwise, the combined term (e.g. Site:Block) will impact on the fitting of the local spatial models for the different Sites. Similarly, a separate residual variance for each of the sections should be fitted, unless there is a need to fit a different variance structure to the residual, e.g. heterogeneous residual variances depending on treatments. Separate residual variances for sections can be achieved using the asreml functions dsum or idh. Because, unlike random terms, terms for residual variances are not removed from the model, compound residual terms can be used to include them in the model, e.g. terms with idh or dsum with multiple levels in the list or leaving levels out altogether. In addition to allowing the independent fitting of models to the sections, separate residual variance terms allows a nugget variance to be fitted in a correlation model for each of the sections.

row.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the rows of a grid. The numeric must be a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the columns of a grid. The numeric must be a

column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

row.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the rows of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the columns of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

corr.funcs

A single character string of length two that specifies the asreml one-dimensional correlation or variance model function for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model to be fitted when spatial.model is corr; the two-dimensional model is fitted as a random term. If a correlation or variance model is not to be investigated for one of the dimensions, specify "" for that dimension. If the correlation model is corb, the values of corr.orders are used for its order argument (b).

corr.orders

A numeric of length two that specifies the order argument (b) values for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model when spatial.model is corr and the corr.funcs for a dimension is corb, the asreml banded correlation model. If one of the dimensions does not involve an order argument, set the value of corr.orders for that dimension to zero. For a dimension for which the corr.funcs is corb and corr.orders is zero, a model with a single band, the correlation between immediate neighbours, will be fitted and then further bands, up to a maximum of 10 bands, will be added until the addition of an extra band does not reduce the information criterion nominated using which.IC. Note that the two-dimensional spatial model is fitted as a random term.

row.corrFitfirst

A logical. If TRUE then, in fitting the model for spatial.model set to corr, the row correlation or variance function is fitted first, followed by the addition of the column correlation or variance function. If FALSE, the order of fitting is reversed.

allow.corrsJointFit

A logical which, if TRUE, will allow the simultaneous fitting of correlation functions for the two dimensions of the grid when separate fits have failed to fit any correlation functions. This argument is available for when a joint fit hangs the system.

dropFixed

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of ". ~ . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.obj. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

dropRandom

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of "  $\sim$  . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

nsegs

A pair of numeric values giving the number of segments into which the column and row ranges are to be split, respectively, for fitting a P-spline model (TPPS) (each value specifies the number of internal knots + 1). If not specified, then (number of unique values - 1) is used in each dimension; for a grid layout with equal spacing, this gives a knot at each data value. If sections is not NULL and the grid differs between the sections, then nsegs will differ between the sections.

nestorder

A numeric of length 2. The order of nesting for column and row dimensions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline model (TPPS). A value of 1 specifies no nesting, a value of 2 generates a spline with half the number of segments in that dimension, etc. The number of segments in each direction must be a multiple of the order of nesting.

degree

A numeric of length 2. The degree of polynomial spline to be used for column and row dimensions respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

difforder

A numeric of length 2. The order of differencing for column and row dimensions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

usRandLinCoeffs

A logical which, if TRUE, will attempt to fit an unstructured variance model to the constant and linear terms in the interactions for constant and linear terms in one grid dimension interacting with smooth terms in the second grid dimension. The unstructured variance model can only be fitted if both the constant and linear interaction terms have been retained in the fitted model. This argument can be used to omit the attempt to fit an unstructured variance model when the attempt results in a system error.

rotateX

A logical indicating whether to rotate the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix, as described by Piepho, Boer and Williams (2022), when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Setting rotateX to TRUE results in a search for an optimized rotation under a model that omits the random spline interaction terms. If ngridangles is set to NULL, the optimal rotation us found using an optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, the optimal rotation is found by exploring the fit over a two-dimensional grid of rotation angle pairs. The optimization seeks to optimize the criterion nominated in which.rotacriterion. Rotation of the eigenvectors is only relevant for difforder values greater than 1 and has only been implemented for difforder equal to 2.

ngridangles

A numeric of length 2. If NULL (the default), the optimal pair of angles for rotating the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix of a P-spline (TPPS) will be determined using a nonlinear optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, its two values specify the numbers of angles between 0 and 90 degrees for each of the row and column dimensions to be used in determining the optimal pair of angles. Specifying factors of 90 will result in integer-valued angles. The number of grid points, and hence re-analyses will be the product of the values of (ngridangles + 1).

which.rotacriterion

A single character string nominating which of the criteria out of the deviance, the likelihood, the AIC and the BIC in determining the optimal rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix. The deviance uses the REML value computed by asreml; the other criteria use the full likelihood, evaluated using the REML estimates, that is computed by infoCriteria.asreml.

nrotacores

A numeric specifying the number of cores to deploy for running the analyses required to search the two-dimensional grid of rotation angles when rotateX is TRUE. Parallel processing has been implemented for analyzing, for each column angle, the set of angles to be investigated for the row dimension. The default value of one means that parallel processing will not be used. The value chosen for nrotacores needs to balanced against the other processes that are using parallel processing at the same time.

asreml.option

A single character string specifying whether the grp or mbf methods are to be used to supply externally formed covariate matrices to asreml when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Compared to the mbf method, the grp method is somewhat faster, but creates large asrtests.objects for which the time it takes to save them can exceed any gains in execution speed. The grp method adds columns to the data.frame containing the data. On the other hand, the mbf method adds only the fixed covariates to data and stores the random covariates in the environment of the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function; there are three smaller data.frames for each section that are not stored in the asreml.object resulting from the fitted model.

tpps4mbf.obj

An object made with makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame that contains the spline basis information for fitting P-splines. The argument tpps4mbf.obj only needs to be set when the mbf option of asreml.option is being used and it is desired to use mbf data.frames that have been created and stored prior to calling addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests. If tpps4mbf.obj is NULL, makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame will be called internally to produce the required mbf data.frames.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead. Note that, for correlation models, the fitting of each dimension and the test for a nugget term are performed with checkboundaryonly set to TRUE and its supplied setting only honoured using a call to rmboundary.asrtests immediately prior to returning the final result of the fitting.

update If TRUE, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored

in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) to add the terms for the spatial models

and (ii) those specified via . . . .

which.IC A character specifying the information criterion to be used in selecting the best model. Possible values are AIC and BIC. The value of the criterion for

supplied model must exceed that for changed model for the changed model to be returned. (For choosing the rotation angle of the eigenvectors of the penalty

matrix, see which.rotacriterion.

A numeric specifying the maximum number of iterations that asreml should

perform in fitting a model.

A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or

the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria to be included in the test.summary of an

asrtests.object or to be used in choosing the best model.

Further arguments passed to changeModelOnIC.asrtests, asreml and tpsmmb.

#### **Details**

A fitted spatial model is only returned if it improves the fit over and above that of achieved with the model fit supplied in the asrtests.obj. To fit the spatial model without any hypotheses testing or comparison of information criteria use addSpatialModel.asrtests. The model fit supplied in the asrtests.obj should not include terms that will be included in the local spatial model. All spatial model terms are fitted as fixed or random. Consequently, the residual model does not have to be iid. Note that the data must be in the order that corresponds to the residual argument with a variable to the right of another variable changes levels in the data frame faster than those of the other variable e.g. Row: Column implies that all levels for Column in consecutive rows of the data. frame with a single Row level.

For the corr spatial model, the default model is an autocorrelation model of order one (ar1) for each dimension. However, any of the single dimension correlation/variance models from asreml can be specified for each dimension, as can no correlation model for a dimension; the models for the two dimensions can differ. Using a forward selection procedure, a series of models are tried, without removing boundary or singular terms, beginning with the addition of row correlation and followed by the addition of column correlation or, if the row.corrFitfirst is set to FALSE, the reverse order. If the fitting of the first-fitted correlation did not result in a model change because the fitting did not

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converge or correlations were fixed, but the fit of the second correlation was successful, then adding the first correlation will be retried. If one of the metric correlation functions is specified (e.g. exp), then the row.covar or col.covar will be used in the spatial model. However, because the correlations are fitted separately for the two dimensions, the row.factor and col.factor are needed for all models and is used for a dimension that does not involve a correlation/variance function for the fit being performed. Also, the correlation models are fitted as random terms and so the correlation model will include a variance parameter for the grid even when ar1 is used to specify the correlation model, i.e. the model fitted is a variance model and there is no difference between ar1 and ar1v in fitting the model. The variance parameter for this term represents the spatial variance and the fit necessarily includes a nugget term, this being the residual variance. If any correlation is retained in the model, for a section if sections is not NULL, then the need for a nuggest term is assessed by fixing the corresponding residual variance to one, unless there are multiple residual variances and these are not related to the sections. Once the fitting of the correlation model has been completed, the rmboundary function will be executed with the checkboundaryonly value supplied in the addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests call. Finally, checking for bound and singular random terms associated with the correlation model and residual terms will be carried out when there are correlation terms in the model and checkboundaryonly has been set to FALSE; as many as possible will be removed from the fitted model, in some cases by fixing variance terms to one.

The tensor-product natural-cubic-smoothing-spline (TPNCSS) spatial models are as described by Verbyla et al. (2018). The tensor-product penalized-spline (TPPS) models are as described by (Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022). For the TPPS model, the degree of the polynomial and the order of differencing can be varied. The defaults of 3 and 2, respectively, fit a cubic spline with second order differencing, which is similar to those of Rodriguez-Alvarez et al. (2018). Setting both the degree and order of differencing to 1 will fit a type of linear variance model. The fixed terms for the spline models are row.covar + col.covar + row.covar:col.covar and the random terms are spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) + dev(row.covar) + dev(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):col.covar +

row.covar:spl(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):spl(col.covar), except that spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) is not included in TPPS models. The supplied model should not include any of these terms. However, any fixed or random main-effect Row or Column term that has been included as an initial model for comparison with a spatial model can be removed prior to fitting the spatial model using dropFixed or dropRandom. For TPPS with second-order differencing, the model matrices used to fit the random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) are transformed using the spectral decomposition of their penalty matrices, and unstructured variance models across the columns of the linear component of each of them will be tried. For TPPS with second-order differencing, it is also possible to investigate the rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors for the random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) (for more information see Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022). The investigation takes the form of a search over a grid of rotation angles for a reduced model; the fit of the full model with rotation using the optimal rotation angles will only be returned if it improves on the fit of the full, unrotated model.

The TPPCS and TPP1LS models are fitted using functions from the R package TPSbits authored by Sue Welham (2022). There are two methods for supplying the spline basis information produced by tpsmmb to asreml. The grp method adds it to the data.frame supplied in the data argument of the asreml call. The mbf method creates smaller data.frames with the spline basis information in the same environment as the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function. If it is desired to use in a later session, an asreml function, or asrtests function that calls asreml, (e.g. predict.asreml, predictPlus.asreml, or changeTerms.asrtests) on an asreml.object created using mbf terms, then the mbf data.frames will need to be recreated using makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame in the new session, supplying, if there has been rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors, the theta values that are returned as the attribute theta.opt of the asreml.obj.

All models utlize the function changeModelOnIC.asrtests to assess the model fit, the information criteria used in assessing the fit being calculated using infoCriteria. Any bound terms are removed from the model. Arguments from tpsmmb and changeModelOnIC.asrtests can be supplied in calls to addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests and will be passed on to the relevant function through the ellipses argument (...).

The data for experiment can be divided sections and the same spatial model fitted separately to each. The fit over all of the sections is assessed. For more detail see sections above.

Each combination of a row.coords and a col.coords does not have to specify a single observation; for example, to fit a local spatial model to the main units of a split-unit design, each combination would correspond to a main unit and all subunits of the main unit would have the same combination.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, possibly with attribute theta.opt, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary for the model whose fit has the smallest information criterion between the supplied and spatial model. The values of the degrees of freedom and the information criteria in the test.summary are differences between those of the changed model and those of the model supplied to addSpatialModelOnIC. If the asrtests.object is the result of fitting a TPPCS model with an exploration of the rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix for the linear components, then the asreml.obj will have an attribute theta.opt that contains the optimal rotation angles of the eigenvectors.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

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## See Also

```
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```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)

#Add row and column covariates
```

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```
Wheat.dat <- within(Wheat.dat,</pre>
                        cColumn <- dae::as.numfac(Column)</pre>
                        cColumn <- cColumn - mean(unique(cColumn))</pre>
                        cRow <- dae::as.numfac(Row)</pre>
                        cRow <- cRow - mean(unique(cRow))</pre>
                     })
#Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column,
                        data=Wheat.dat)
#Create an asrtests object, removing boundary terms
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                              label = "Random Row and Column effects")
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
current.asrt <- addSpatialModelOnIC(current.asrt, spatial.model = "TPPS",</pre>
                                       row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
                                       dropRowterm = "Row", dropColterm = "Column",
                                       asreml.option = "grp")
infoCriteria(current.asrt$asreml.obj)
## End(Not run)
```

addto.test.summary

*Adds a row to a* test.summary data.frame.

## Description

A row that summarizes the result of a proposed change to a model is added to a test.summary data.frame. Only the values of those arguments for which there are columns in test.summary will be included in the row.

## Usage

```
addto.test.summary(test.summary, terms, DF = 1, denDF = NA, p = NA, AIC = NA, BIC = NA, action = "Boundary")
```

## **Arguments**

test.summary	A data.frame whose columns are a subset of terms, DF, denDF, p, AIC, BIC and action. Each row summarizes the results of proposed changes to the fitted model. See asrtests.object for more information.
terms	A character giving the name of a term that might be added to or removed from the model or a label indicating a change that might be made to the model.
DF	A numeric giving the numerator degrees of freedom for a Wald F-statistic or the number of variance parameters in the current model minus the number in the proposed model.

denDF A numeric giving the denominator degrees of freedom for a Wald F-statistic.

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р	A numeric giving the p-value for a Wald F-statistic or REML ratio test.
AIC	A numeric giving Akiake Information Criterion (AIC) for a model or the difference between the AIC values for the current and proposed models.
BIC	A numeric giving Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criterion for a model or the difference between the AIC values for the current and proposed models.
action	A character giving what action was taken with respect to the proposed change. See asrtests.object for more information.

## Value

A data.frame.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, asrtests.object, print.test.summary
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
## Fit an autocorrelation model
ar1.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                   random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                   residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                   data=Wheat.dat)
ar1.asrt <- as.asrtests(ar1.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                          label = "Autocorrelation model")
ar1.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(ar1.asrt)</pre>
## Fit a tensor spline
Wheat.dat <- within(Wheat.dat,</pre>
                        cRow <- dae::as.numfac(Row)</pre>
                        cRow <- cRow - mean(unique(cRow))</pre>
                        cColumn <- dae::as.numfac(Column)</pre>
                        cColumn <- cColumn - mean(unique(cColumn))</pre>
ts.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + cRow + cColumn + WithinColPairs +
                           Variety,
                   random = \sim spl(cRow) + spl(cColumn) +
                               dev(cRow) + dev(cColumn) +
                               spl(cRow):cColumn + cRow:spl(cColumn) +
                               spl(cRow):spl(cColumn),
                   residual = ~ Row:Column,
                   data=Wheat.dat)
ts.asrt <- as.asrtests(ts.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                         label = "Tensor spline model")
ts.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(ts.asrt)</pre>
ar1.ic <- infoCriteria(ar1.asrt$asreml.obj)</pre>
ts.ic <- infoCriteria(ts.asrt$asreml.obj)</pre>
```

```
if (ar1.ic$AIC < ts.ic$AIC)
{
  ic.diff <- ar1.ic - ts.ic</pre>
  new.asrt <- ar1.asrt</pre>
  new.asrt$test.summary <- addto.test.summary(ar1.asrt$test.summary,</pre>
                                                 terms = "Compare ar1 to ts",
                                                 DF = ic.diff$varDF,
                                                 AIC = ic.diff$AIC, BIC = ic.diff$BIC,
                                                 action = "Chose ar1")
} else
{
  ic.diff <- ts.ic - ar1.ic
  new.asrt <- ts.asrt</pre>
  new.asrt$test.summary <- addto.test.summary(ts.asrt$test.summary,</pre>
                                                 terms = "Compare ar1 to ts",
                                                 DF = ic.diff$varDF,
                                                 AIC = ic.diff$AIC, BIC = ic.diff$BIC,
                                                 action = "Chose ts")
}
## End(Not run)
```

allDifferences.data.frame

Using supplied predictions and standard errors of pairwise differences or the variance matrix of predictions, forms all pairwise differences between the set of predictions, and p-values for the differences.

## Description

Uses supplied predictions and standard errors of pairwise differences, or the variance matrix of predictions to form, in an alldiffs.object, for those components not already present, (i) a table of all pairwise differences of the predictions, (ii) the p-value of each pairwise difference, and (iii) the minimum, mean, maximum and accuracy of LSD values. Predictions that are aliased (or inestimable) are removed from the predictions component of the alldiffs.object and standard errors of differences involving them are removed from the sed component.

If necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to be the initial columns of the predictions.frame and to match their order in the classify. Also, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. The sortFactor or sortOrder arguments can be used to order of the values for the classify variables, which is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

Each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the absolute value of the observed difference divided by its standard error. The p-values are stored in the p.differences component. The degrees of freedom of the t-distribution is the degrees of freedom stored in the tdf attribute of the alldiffs.object. This t-distribution is also used in calculating the LSD statistics stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
allDifferences(predictions, classify, vcov = NULL,
               differences = NULL, p.differences = NULL, sed = NULL,
               LSD = NULL, LSDtype = "overall", LSDsupplied = NULL,
               LSDby = NULL, LSDstatistic = "mean",
               LSDaccuracy = "maxAbsDeviation",
               retain.zeroLSDs = FALSE,
               zero.tolerance = .Machine$double.eps ^ 0.5,
               backtransforms = NULL,
               response = NULL, response.title = NULL,
               term = NULL, tdf = NULL,
               x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL,
               level.length = NA,
               pairwise = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
               transform.power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1,
               transform.function = "identity",
               inestimable.rm = TRUE,
               sortFactor = NULL, sortParallelToCombo = NULL,
               sortNestingFactor = NULL, sortOrder = NULL,
               decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

predictions

A predictions.frame, or a data.frame, beginning with the variables classifying the predictions and also containing columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper limits of error intervals for the predictions. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

classify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table that has been predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.

vcov

A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.

 $\hbox{differences}$ 

A matrix containing all pairwise differences between the predictions; it should have the same number of rows and columns as there are rows in predictions.

p.differences

A matrix containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions; each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the observed difference divided by its standard error. The degrees of freedom of the t distribution for computing it are computed as the denominator degrees of freedom of the F value for the fixed term, if available; otherwise, the degrees of freedom stored in the attribute tdf are used; the matrix should be of the same size as that for differences.

sed

A matrix containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions; they are used in computing the p-values.

LSD

An LSD frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, as well as an assigned LSD and

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a measure of the accuracy of the LSD. If LSD is NULL then the LSD.frame stored in the LSD component will be calculated and the values of LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic added as attributes of the alldiffs.object. The LSD for a single prediction assumes that any predictions to be compared are independent; this is not the case if residual errors are correlated.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data.frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assignedLSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD.frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD.frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quan-

> tile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

retain.zeroLSDs

A logical indicating whether to retain or omit LSDs that are zero when calculating the summaries of LSDs.

zero.tolerance A numeric specifying the value such that if an LSD is less than it, the LSD will be considered to be zero.

backtransforms A data. frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values that is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error.interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row contains a single predicted value.

> A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

> A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It only needs to be specified when it is different to classify; it is stored as an attribute of the alldiffs.object. It is likely to be needed when the fitted model includes terms that involve both a numeric covariate and a factor that parallel each other; the classify would include the covariate and the term would include the factor.

> an integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

> A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and (ii) is the x-axis variable for plots. Its values will not be converted to a factor.

> A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x.num and (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x. num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also

> and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If FALSE, the components differences and p. differences will be NULL in the returned alldiffs.object.

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

A numeric specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of

The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row standard errors.

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x.num

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level.length

> the predictions will be obtained and presented in tables or graphs as appropriate. The back-transformation raises the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform.power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential of the predictions is taken.

offset

A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.

scale

A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

transform.function

A character giving the name of a function that specifies the scale on which the predicted values are defined. This may be the result of a transformation of the data using the function or the use of the function as a link function in the fitting of a generalized linear (mixed) model (GL(M)M). The possible transform. functions are identity, log, inverse, sqrt, logit, probit, and cloglog. The predicted. values and error. intervals, if not StandardError intervals, will be back-transformed using the inverse function of the transform. function. The standard.error column will be set to NA, unless (i) as reml returns columns named transformed.value and approx.se, as well as those called predicted.values and standard.error (such as when a GLM is fitted) and (ii) the values in transformed.value are equal to those obtained by backtransforming the predicted.values using the inverse function of the transform.function. Then, the approx.se values will be saved in the standard.error column of the backtransforms component of the returned alldiffs.obj. Also, the transformed.value and approx.se columns are removed from both the predictions and backtransforms components of the alldiffs.obj. Note that the values that end up in the standard errors column are approximate for the backtransformed values and are not used in calculating error.intervals.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

#### sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x:

levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

decreasing

A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the components of the alldiffs.object is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

...

provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences sed, and LSD.

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, alpha, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object. Note that the classify in an alldiffs.object is based on the variables indexing the predictions, which may differ from the classify used to obtain the original predictions (for example, when the alldiffs.objects stores a linear transformation of predictions.

Also, see predictPlus.asreml for more information.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.alldiffs, as.predictions.frame, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

# **Examples**

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```
Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed</pre>
  Var.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Variety", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Order the Varieties in decreasing order for the predictions values in the
    ## first N level
    Var.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                                  classify = "Nitrogen: Variety",
                                  sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df,
                                  sortFactor = "Variety", decreasing = TRUE)
    print.alldiffs(Var.diffs, which="differences")
    ## Change the order of the factors in the alldiffs object and reorder components
    Var.reord.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                                  classify = "Variety:Nitrogen",
                                  sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
    print.alldiffs(Var.reord.diffs, which="predictions")
```

alldiffs.object

Description of an alldiffs object

## Description

An object of S3-class alldiffs that stores the predictions for a model, along with supplied statistics for all pairwise differences. While alldiffs.object can be constructed by defining a list with the appropriate components, it can be formed by passing the components to as.alldiffs, or from a predictions data.frame using allDifferences.data.frame.

as.alldiffs is function that assembles an object of this class from supplied components.

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is.alldiffs is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object is of class alldiffs. validAlldiffs(object) can be used to test the validity of an object with this class.

allDifferences.data.frame is the function that constructs an object of this class by calculating components from statistics supplied via its arguments and then using as.alldiffs to make the object.

#### Value

A list of class alldiffs containing the following components: predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms. Except for predictions, the components are optional and can be set to NULL.

An alldiffs.object also has attributes response, response.title, term, classify, tdf, alpha, sortFactor and sortOrder, which may be set to NULL.

The details of the components are as follows:

1. predictions: A predictions frame, being a data frame beginning with the variables classifying the predictions, in the same order as in the classify, and also containing columns named predicted value, standard error and est status; each row contains a single predicted value. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classify variables and will be in standard order for the classify variables. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. The data frame may also include columns for the lower and upper values of error intervals, either standard error, confidence or half-LSD intervals. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

- 2. differences: A matrix containing all pairwise differences between the predictions; it should have the same number of rows and columns as there are rows in predictions.
- 3. p. differences: A matrix containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions; each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the observed difference divided by its standard error. The degrees of freedom of the t distribution for computing it are computed as the denominator degrees of freedom of the F value for the fixed term, if available; otherwise, the degrees of freedom stored in the attribute tdf are used; the matrix should be of the same size as that for differences.
- 4. sed: A matrix containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions; they are used in computing the p-values in p.differences.
- 5. vcov: A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.
- 6. LSD: An LSD. frame containing (i) c, the number of pairwise predictions comparisons for each LSD value and the mean, minimum, maximum and assigned LSD, (ii) the column accuracyLSD that gives a measure of the accuracy of the assigned LSD. given the variation in LSD values, and (iii) the columns false.pos and false.neg that contain the number of false positives and negatives if the assignedLSD value(s) is(are) used to determine the significance of the pairwise predictions differences. The LSD values in the assignedLSD column is used to determine the significance of pairwise differences that involve predictions for the combination

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of levels given by a row name. The value in the assignedLSD column is specified using the LSDstatistic argument.

7. backtransforms: When the response values have been transformed for analysis, a data.frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values is added to the alldiffs.object. This data.frame is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error.interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row contains a single predicted value.

The details of the attributes of an alldiffs. object are:

- 1. response: A character specifying the response variable for the predictions.
- 2. response.title: A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions
- 3. term: A character giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It is often the same as classify.
- 4. classify: A character giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table used in the prediction. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator.
- 5. tdf: An integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based.
- 6. alpha: An integer specifying the significance level. It is used as the significance level calculating LSDs.
- 7. LSDtype: If the LSD component is not NULL then LSDtype is added as an attribute. A character nominating the type of grouping of seds to be used in combining LSDs.
- 8. LSDby: If the LSD component is not NULL then LSDby is added as an attribute. A character vector containing the names of the factors and numerics within whose combinations the LSDs are to be summarized.
- 9. LSDstatistic: If the LSD component is not NULL then LSDstatistic is added as an attribute. A character nominating what statistic to use in summarizing a set of LSDs.
- 10. LSDaccuracy: If the LSD component is not NULL then LSDaccuracy is added as an attribute. A character nominating the method of calculating a measure of the accuracy of the LSDs stored in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame.
- 11. sortFactor: factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determined the sorting of the components.
- 12. sortOrder: A character vector that is the same length as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs < levels(f)[order(x)].

See predictPlus.asreml for more information.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, validAlldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame

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### **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed
  Var.vcov <- NULL
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL</pre>
  }
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Form an all.diffs object
     Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                               sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
    is.alldiffs(Var.diffs)
    validAlldiffs(Var.diffs)
```

angular

Applies the angular transformation to proportions.

## **Description**

Applies the angular transformation to numeric values. It is given by  $\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{proportions})$ 

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## Usage

```
angular(proportions, n)
```

## **Arguments**

proportions The proportions.

n The divisor(s) for each proportion

### Value

A numeric.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular.mod, powerTransform.
```

# **Examples**

```
n <-25
y <- rbinom(10, n, 0.5)
y <- c(y,0,n)
p <- y/n
p.ang <- angular(p, n)</pre>
```

angular.mod

Applies the modified angular transformation to a vector of counts.

# Description

Applies the angular transformation to a vector of counts. A modified transformation is used that is appropriate when N < 50 and the proportion is not between 0.3 and 0.7. The transformation is given by  $\sin^{-1} \frac{count+0.375}{n+0.75}$ .

# Usage

```
angular.mod(count, n)
```

## **Arguments**

count The numeric vector of counts.

n The number(s) of observations from which the count(s) were obtained.

# Value

A numeric vector.

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### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular, powerTransform.
```

## **Examples**

```
n <-25
y <- rbinom(10, n, 0.5)
y <- c(y,0,n)
p.ang.mod <- angular.mod(y, n)</pre>
```

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Forms an alldiffs. object from the supplied predictions, along with those statistics, associated with the predictions and their pairwise differences, that have been supplied.

# Description

Creates an alldiffs.object that consists of a list containing the following components: predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and backtransforms. Predictions must be supplied to the function while the others will be set only if they are supplied; those not supplied are set to NULL. It also has attributes response, response.title, term, classify, tdf, tdf, alpha, sortFactor and sortOrder. which will be set to the values supplied or NULL if none are supplied.

#### Usage

## Arguments

predictions

A predictions.frame, being a data.frame beginning with the variables classifying the predictions and also containing columns named predicted.value, standard.error and est.status; each row contains a single predicted value. It may also contain columns for the lower and upper limits of error intervals for the predictions. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

differences

A matrix containing all pairwise differences between the predictions; it should have the same number of rows and columns as there are rows in predictions.

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p.differences

A matrix containing p-values for all pairwise differences between the predictions; each p-value is computed as the probability of a t-statistic as large as or larger than the observed difference divided by its standard error. The degrees of freedom of the t distribution for computing it are computed as the denominator degrees of freedom of the F value for the fixed term, if available; otherwise, the degrees of freedom stored in the attribute tdf are used; the matrix should be of the same size as that for differences.

sed

A matrix containing the standard errors of all pairwise differences between the predictions; they are used in computing the p-values.

vcov

A matrix containing the variance matrix of the predictions; it is used in computing the variance of linear transformations of the predictions.

LSD

An LSD. frame containing the mean, minimum and maximum LSD for determining the significance of pairwise differences, as well as an assigned LSD and a measure of the accuracy of the LSD. If LSD is NULL then the LSD. frame stored in the LSD component will be calculated and the values of LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic added as attributes of the alldiffs.object. The LSD for a single prediction assumes that any predictions to be compared are independent; this is not the case if residual errors are correlated.

backtransforms

A data. frame containing the backtransformed values of the predicted values that is consistent with the predictions component, except that the column named predicted.value is replaced by one called backtransformed.predictions. Any error. interval values will also be the backtransformed values. Each row contains a single predicted value.

response

A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

term

A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It only needs to be specified when it is different to classify; it is stored as an attribute of the alldiffs.object. It is likely to be needed when the fitted model includes terms that involve both a numeric covariate and a factor that parallel each other; the classify would include the covariate and the term would include the factor.

classify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table used in the prediction. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

tdf

an integer specifying the degrees of freedom of the standard error. It is used as the degrees of freedom for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determined the sorting of the components.

sortOrder

A character vector that is the same length as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs. object. It specifies the order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

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#### Value

An S3-class alldiffs.object. Also, see predictPlus.asreml for more information.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, alldiffs.object, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, renewClassify.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPresent.asreml
```

## **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- Var.pred$pvals</pre>
  Var.sed <- Var.pred$sed
  Var.vcov <- NULL
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Form an all.diffs object
```

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}

Forms an asrtests object that stores (i) a fitted asreml object, (ii) a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms and (iii) a history of changes and hypothesis testing used in obtaining the model.

#### **Description**

An asrtests.object that is a list consisting of the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

A call to as.asrtests with test.summary = NULL re-initializes the test.summary data.frame.

If there is no wald.tab, wald.asreml is called. In all cases, recalcWaldTab is called and any changes made as specified by the recalcWaldTab arguments supplied via . . . .

The label argument can be used to include an entry in test.summary for the starting model. If a label is included, (i) the information criteria calculated using the asreml.obj will be added to the test.summary, if IClikelihood is not set to none and (ii) the number of variance parameters is included in the denDF column, if IClikelihood is set to none.

### **Usage**

### **Arguments**

asreml.obj

an asreml object for a fitted model.

wald.tab

A data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml; it should have 4 or 6 columns. Sometimes wald.asreml returns a data.frame and at other times a list. For example, it may return a list when denDF is used. In this case, the Wald component of the list is to be extracted and stored. It is noted that, as of asreml version 4, wald.asreml has a kenadj argument.

test.summary

A data.frame with columns term, DF, denDF, p and action containing the results of previous hypothesis tests.

denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

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label

A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indicate as far as is possible the nature of the model that has been fitted. The action

column in test.summary will be Starting model.

IClikelihood A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for

information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included.

(See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

bound.exclusions

A character specifying the bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in calculating information criteria. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

further arguments passed to wald.asreml and recalcWaldTab.

#### Value

An object of S3-class asrtests.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, recalcWaldTab,
testranfix.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests,
reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
# Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# Check for and remove any boundary terms
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

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as.predictions.frame Forms a predictions.frame from a data.frame, ensuring that the correct columns are present.

## **Description**

Creates a predictions. frame from a data. frame by adding the class predictions. frame to it, and renaming the columns containing the predictions, se, est. status and error. intervals.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing columns giving the variables that uniquely index the

predicted values and columns with the predicted values, their standard errors

and, optionally, their estimation status (est.status).

classify A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway

table that was predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. For predicting the overall mean, the classify is set to

"(Intercept)".

predictions A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the predicted

values. This column will be renamed to predicted.value.

se A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the standard

errors of the predicted values. This column will be renamed to standard.error.

est. status A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the estimation

status of the predicted values. It will have a value Estimable for predicted values that have been estimated and a value Aliased for predicted values that are NA. If a column named est.status is not present in data and est.status

is NULL, a column est. status will be generated.

interval.type A character specifying the type of error.intervals stored in data that re-

quire renaming. If NULL, error.intervals will not be renamed, even if they are present. Otherwise, interval.type should be set to one of "CI", "SE" or

"halfLSD".

interval.names A character specifying the column names of the lower and upper limits stored in data that are to be renamed. The character must be of length two, with the

in data that are to be renamed. The character must be of length two, with the first element being the name of the 'lower' limit and the second element being

the name of the 'upper' limit.

#### Value

An S3-class predictions. frame.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

as reml Plus-package, predictions. frame, is.predictions. frame, predictions. frame, valid Predictions Frame

## **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
#Form predictions.frame changing asreml-R4 names to the standard names, if these are present
Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                     est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
    validPredictionsFrame(Var.preds)
  }
```

asremlPlus-deprecated Deprecated Functions in the Package asremlPlus

# Description

These functions have been renamed and deprecated in asremlPlus:

- 1. addrm.terms.asreml and addrm.terms.asrtests -> changeTerms.asrtests,
- 2. alldiffs -> as.alldiffs,

3. asrtests-> as.asrtests, 4. choose.model.asreml and choose.model.asrtests -> chooseModel.asrtests, 5. facRecode and facRecode.alldiffs -> facRecast.alldiffs, 6. info.crit and info.crit.asreml -> infoCriteria.asreml, 7. newrcov.asrtests -> changeTerms.asrtests, 8. plotvariofaces.asreml -> plotVariofaces.data.frame, 9. power.transform -> powerTransform, 10. predictiondiffs.asreml -> allDifferences.data.frame, 11. predictionplot.asreml -> plotPredictions.data.frame, 12. predictparallel.asreml -> predictPlus.asreml, 13. pred.present.asreml -> predictPresent.asreml, 14. recalc.wald.tab.asreml and recalc.wald.tab.asrtests -> recalcWaldTab.asrtests, 15. reorderClassify and reorderClassify.alldiffs -> renewClassify.alldiffs, 16. reml.lrt and reml.lrt.asreml -> REMLRT.asreml, 17. rmboundary.asreml -> rmboundary.asrtests, 18. setvarianceterms.asreml -> setvarianceterms.call, 19. sig.devn.reparam.asreml and sig.devn.reparam.asrtests -> reparamSigDevn.asrtests, 20. testranfix.asreml -> testranfix.asrtests, 21. testrcov.asreml and testrcov.asrtests -> testresidual.asrtests.

## Usage

```
addrm.terms.asreml(...)
addrm.terms.asrtests(...)
alldiffs(...)
asrtests(...)
choose.model.asreml(...)
choose.model.asrtests(...)
facRecode(...)
facRecode.alldiffs(...)
info.crit(...)
info.crit.asreml(...)
newrcov.asrtests(...)
plotvariofaces.asreml(...)
power.transform(...)
predictiondiffs.asreml(...)
predictionplot.asreml(...)
predictparallel.asreml(...)
pred.present.asreml(...)
recalc.wald.tab.asreml(...)
recalc.wald.tab.asrtests(...)
reml.lrt(...)
reml.lrt.asreml(...)
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
reorderClassify(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
```

22. testswapran.asreml -> testswapran.asrtests

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```
rmboundary(...)
setvarianceterms.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asreml(...)
sig.devn.reparam.asrtests(...)
testranfix.asreml(...)
testrcov.asreml(...)
testrcov.asrtests(...)
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
testswapran(...)
```

## **Arguments**

... absorbs arguments passed from the old functions of the style foo.bar().

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

asremlPlusTips

The randomly-presented, startup tips.

## **Description**

The intermittent, randomly-presented, startup tips.

# Startup tips

Need help? The manual is a vignette and is in the vignettes subdirectory of the package's install directory.

Find out what has changed in asremlPlus: enter news(package = 'asremlPlus').

Need help getting started? Enter vignette(package = 'asremlPlus').

To avoid start-up message that ASReml-R is needed, load asreml before asremlPlus.

The methods for alldiffs and data.frame do not require asreml

Use suppressPackageStartupMessages() to eliminate all package startup messages.

To see all the intermittent, randomly-presented, startup tips enter ?asremlPlusTips.

To install the latest version: go to http://chris.brien.name/rpackages.

For versions between CRAN releases (and more) go to http://chris.brien.name/rpackages.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

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asrtests.object

Description of an asrtests object

### **Description**

An object of S3-class asrtests that contains information derived from the fits of a mixed model using asrem1.

as.asrtests is function that makes an object of this class.

is.list is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object is of class list.

validAsrtests can be used to test the validity of an asrtests.object.

### Value

A list that contains three components:

- 1. asreml.obj: an object of class asreml that contains the fit of a model;
- 2. wald.tab: A data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml. It has rownames that correspond to the fixed terms that were fitted and four columns. If denominator degrees of freedom were calculated then the columns are DF, denDF, F.inc, Pr; otherwise the columns are Df, Sum of Sq, Wald statistic, and Pr(Chisq).
- 3. test.summary: A data.frame with columns terms, DF, denDF, p, AIC, BIC and action, each row of which summarizes the results of proposed changes to the fitted model.

Possible codes for action are: Dropped, Retained, Swapped, Unswapped, Unchanged, Significant, Nonsignificant, Absent, Added, Removed and Boundary. If the either of the models did not converge, unconverged will be added to the code. Unchanged is used when allow.unconverged is FALSE. Note that the logical asreml.obj\$converge also reflects whether there is convergence.

A row is added to the test.summary for each term that is dropped, added or tested or a note that several terms have been added or removed. When values for the AIC and BIC are included in the row, then the DF are the number of fixed parameters in the model and denDF are the numbers of variance parameters. When changeModelOnIC adds a row then the values of the degrees of freedom and information criteria are differences between those for the model that is supplied and the model changed by changeModelOnIC.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

as.asrtests, as.asrtests, validAsrtests

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bootREMLRT.asreml

Uses the parametric bootstrap to calculate the p-value for a REML ratio test to compare two models.

## Description

Extracts the REML log likelihood for two asreml objects and forms the observed REML ratio statistic. It assumes that the second asreml object is the result of fitting a model that is a reduced version of the model for the first object and is considered to the null model. Using the mean and V, nboot bootstrap samples of simulated response values are generated in parallel; that is, ncores cores are used and each is used to generate and analyse a sample. The full and reduced models are fitted to the data and if either analysis fails to converge another sample is generated and analysed using the current core, with a maximum of max.retries attempts to obtain a sample that converges for both analysis. Thus the maximum number of data sets that will be generated is nboot \* max.retries. If a bootstrap sample converges for both analyses, the REML ratio test statistic is formed for it. The p-value is then calculated as (k+1)/(b+1) where k is the number of simulated ratio test statistics greater than the observed test statistic and s is the number of bootstrap samples that were returned.

The function checks that the models do not differ in either their fixed or sparse models. It also check the difference in the number of variance parameters between the two fits to the models, taking into account the bound.exclusions.

#### Usage

### **Arguments**

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h0.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the null hypothesis.

h1.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the alternative hypothesis.

nboot The number of bootstrap samples to be generated.

verge for both models.

seed A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the

random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used

and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.

means The vector of means to be used in generating simulated bootstrap samples. If it

is NULL, the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length

as the response variable for object.

The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the pattern and values that conform to

the model fit stored in the supplied object. If it is NULL, estimateV.asreml is used to estimate the variance matrix for the observations from the variance

parameter estimates from the reduced.asreml.obj.

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extra.matrix

A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to the variance matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gamma- or sigma-parameterized. The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV.asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or more spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

tolerance

The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero.

update

If TRUE then the arguments R.param and G.param are set to those in the asreml object supplied in object so that the values from the original model are used as starting values. If FALSE then asreml calls are evaluated, the only changes from the previous call being that (i) the model is fitted to simulated data and (ii) modifications specified via . . . are mode, except that changes cannot be made to any of the models.

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

ncores

A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations. In choosing a value for ncores, it is necessary to take into account other processes that are using parallel processing at the same time.

. . .

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be avoided.

### Value

A list with the following components:

- 1. **REMLRT:** the observed REML ratio statistic.
- 2. **p:** the bootstrap p-value for the observed test statistic.
- 3. **DF:** the calculated difference in DF for the variance parameters in the two models.
- 4. **totalunconverged:** the total number of unconverged analyses over the simulations.

- 5. **REMLRT.sim:** a numeric containing the values of the ratio statistics for the simulated data. It has an attribute called na.action that can be retrieved using attr(REMLRT.sim, which = "na.action"); it contains a list of the simulation numbers that were abandoned because max.retries failed to converge for both models.
- 6. **nunconverged:** the number of unconverged analyses for each bootstrap sample, the maximum being max.retries.

### Note

A bootstrap sample is generated using a multivariate normal distribution with expected value as specified by means and variance matrix given by V. Each simulated sample is analysed according to the reduced model and, provided this analysis converges, according to the full.model. If one of these analyses fails to converge, it is abandoned and another sample is generated for this simulation. As many as max.retries attempts are made to generate a data set for which both analyses converge. If data set that converges for both analyses is not generated for a simulation, NA is returned for that bootstrap sample. Hence, the maximum number of data sets that will be generated is nboot \*max.retries and less than nboot samples will be generated if a data set that converges for both analyses is not obtained within max.retries attempts.

If a bootstrap sample converges for both analyses, the REML ratio test statistic is calculated as  $2(log(REML)_F - log(REML)_R)$ .

The DF is calculated from the information in full.asreml.obj and reduced.asreml.obj. The degrees of freedom are computed as the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates do not have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
REMLRT.asreml, infoCriteria.asreml, newfit.asreml, testranfix.asrtests
```

# Examples

```
## Not run:
    bootREMLRT(ICV.max, ICV.red, ncores = parallel::detectCores())
## End(Not run)
```

changeModelOnIC.asrtests

Uses information criteria to decide whether to change an already fitted model.

### **Description**

Uses information criteria to decide whether to change the fitted model stored in the supplied asrtests.object according to the specified modifications. The function changeTerms is used to change the model. Thus, the model can be modified using a combination of adding and removing sets of terms from one or both of the fixed or random models, replacing the residual model and changing the bounds and/or initial values of some terms. The model will be unchanged if terms specified in dropFixed or dropRandom are not in the fitted model.

A row is added to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object using the supplied label and stating whether or not the new model has been swapped for the supplied model. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated to exhibit the differences between the supplied and new models.

To obtain a list of the information criteria for a set of models use changeTerms.asrtests with IClikelihood set to REML or full, or use infoCriteria.asreml.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

dropFixed

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ". ~ . -" and after expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula. The names must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.obj. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

addFixed

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ".  $\sim$ . +" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the fixed formula. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on.

dropRandom

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of "  $\sim$  . -" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the

random formula. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

addRandom

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of "  $\sim$  . +"and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the random formula.

newResidual

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of " ~ ", specifies the residual (or rcov) model. To remove the model, enter "-(.)".

label

A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indicate as far as is possible the terms that are being manipulated.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) those specified by this function's arguments and (ii) those specified via . . . .

denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting the new model. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the new asrtests.object. The terms in the model do not need to change from those in the model in the supplied asrtests.obj.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

which.IC

A character specifying the information criterion to be used in selecting the best model. Possible values are AIC and BIC. The value of the criterion for supplied model must exceed that for changed model for the changed model to be returned.

IClikelihood

A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria for choosing between models when family is set to asr\_gaussian. For family set to asr\_binomial or asr\_poisson and with dispersion set to 1, the deviance is extracted from object and used to calculate the AIC and BIC (as suggested by Damian Collins); the setting of IClikelihood is ignored and the log-likelihood set to NA. The information criteria are not valid for other settings of family and dispersion.

fixedDF

A numeric giving the number of estimated fixed parameters. If NULL then this is determined from the information in asreml.obj.

varDF

A numeric giving the number of estimated variance parameters. If NULL then this is determined from the information in asreml.obj. It replaces the varDF argument.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying the bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in calculating the information criteria. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and as.asrtests.

## Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. The values of the degrees of freedom and the information criteria are differences between those of the changed model and those of the model supplied to changeModelOnIC.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

as.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                             label = "Maximal model")
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Drop both Row and Column terms
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                  dropRandom = "Row + Column",
                                  checkboundaryonly = TRUE,
                                  which.IC = "AIC", IClikelihood = "full")
current.asrt <- iterate(current.asrt)</pre>
# Add and drop both fixed and random terms
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                  addFixed = "vRow", dropFixed = "WithinColPairs",
                                  addRandom = "spl(vRow)", dropRandom = "units",
                                  checkboundaryonly = TRUE,
                                  which.IC = "AIC", IClikelihood = "full")
# Replace residual with model without Row autocorrelation
current.asrt <- changeModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                  newResidual = "Row:ar1(Column)",
                                  label="Row autocorrelation",
                                  IClikelihood = "full")
## End(Not run)
```

changeTerms.asrtests

Adds and drops terms from one or both of the fixed or random model, replaces the residual (rcov) model with a new model and changes bounds or initial values of terms.

## **Description**

The specified terms are simply added or dropped, without testing, from either the fixed or random model and/or the residual (rcov) model replaced. Also, the bounds and/or initial values of some terms can be changed. No hypothesis testing is performed, but a check is made for boundary or singular terms.

A row is added to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object using the supplied label and stating which models have been changed. Information criteria can be included in the row of the test.summary. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated.

To only change the terms based on a comparison of information criteria use changeModelOnIC.asrtests.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

dropFixed

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ". ~ . -" and after expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula. The names must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.obj. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

addFixed

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of ".  $\sim$ . +" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the fixed formula. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on.

dropRandom

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of " ~ . -" and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula. The terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

addRandom

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of "  $\sim$  . +"and expansion, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be added to the random formula.

newResidual

A single character string in the form of a formula which, after addition of " ~ ", specifies the residual (or rcov) model. To remove the model, enter "-(.)".

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label

A character to use as an entry in the terms column in test. summary to indicate as far as is possible the terms that are being manipulated.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i)

as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being those specified by this function's arguments and (ii) those specified via . . . .

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting the new model. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the new asrtests.object. The terms in the model do not need to change from those in the model in the supplied asrtests.obj.

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length

as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

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initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML and family is set to asr\_guassian (the default), then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full and family is set to asr\_guassian, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. if family is asr\_binomial or asr\_poisson, with dispersion set to 1, the deviance is extracted from object and used to calculate the AIC and BIC. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

bound.exclusions

A character specifying the bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in calculating the information criteria. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and as.asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

# See Also

```
as.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests,
newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests,
changeModelOnIC.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml
```

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed = terms)</pre>
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = "A + B", denDF = "algebraic")</pre>
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Add and drop both fixed and random terms
```

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ChickpeaEnd.dat

A large data set comprising the end of imaging data from a chick pea experiment conducted in high-throughput greenhouses

### **Description**

The data collected after imaging had been completed on the 1056 plants in the experiment reported by Atieno et al. (2017). The design employed for the experiment was a split-plot design in which two consecutive carts formed a main plot. The split-plot design assigned 245 genotypes to main plots, the genotypes being unequally replicated 2 or 3 times. Treatments (non-saline, saline) were randomized to the two subplots (carts) within each main plot.

The columns in the data.frame are: Smarthouse, Lane, Position, Zone, Mainplot, Subplot, Replicate, xLane, xPosition, Genotypes, Treatments, Biomass, PlantHeight, SenescenceRank, TotalPods, FilledPods, EmptyPods, SeedNo, TotalSeedWt, SeedWt100.

The columns Smarthouse, Lane and Position uniquely identify the rows of observations. Zones are groups of 4 Lanes, Mainplots are the 44 pairs of consecutive Subplots within each Zone, and a Subplot is a cart containing a single plant. The columns xLane and xPosition are numeric covariates for location within a Smarthouse. Genotypes and Treatments indicate the genotype and treatment that each plant was allocated. The response variables are Biomass, PlantHeight, SenescenceRank, TotalPods, FilledPods, EmptyPods, SeedNo, TotalSeedWt and SeedWt100.

#### Usage

```
data(ChickpeaEnd.dat)
```

## Format

A data. frames with 1056 rows by 20 columns.

#### References

Atieno, J., Li, Y., Langridge, P., Dowling, K., Brien, C., Berger, B., Varshney, R. K., and Sutton, T. (2017). Exploring genetic variation for salinity tolerance in chickpea using image-based phenotyping. *Scientific Reports*, **7**, 1300. doi:10.1038/s41598017012117

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chooseModel	Determines the set of significant terms using p-values and records the tests performed in a data. frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms.

# Description

Using p-values from hypothesis tests, determines the set of significant terms, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. The tests conducted in choosing selected model are listed in a summary data.frame.

# Usage

```
chooseModel(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object using which p-values can be obtained for use in model selection.

. . . further arguments passed to or from other methods.

#### **Details**

chooseModel is the generic function for the chooseModel method. Use methods("chooseModel") to get all the methods for the chooseModel generic.

chooseModel.asrtests is a method for an asrtests.object. It uses testranfix.asrtests to conduct tests to determine the p-values used in the model selection.

chooseModel.data.frame is a method for a data.frame. It uses the p-values stored in the data.frame in the model selection.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

 ${\tt choose Model.as rtests, choose Model.as rtests, change Model On IC.as rtests, testran fix.as rtests}$ 

chooseModel.asrtests Determines and records the set of significant terms using an asrtests.object, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality relations of the terms.

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### **Description**

Performs a series of hypothesis tests on a set of fixed and/or random terms taking into account the marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. For a random term, the term is removed from the model fit, any boundary terms are removed using rmboundary.asrtests and a REML likelihood ratio test is performed using REMLRT.asreml. If it is not significant and drop.ran.ns is TRUE, the term is permanently removed from the model. Note that if boundary terms are removed, the reduced model may not be nested in the full model in which case the test is not valid. For fixed terms, the Wald tests are performed and the p-value for the term obtained. If it is not significant and drop.fix.ns is TRUE, the term is permanently removed from the model. A row that records the outcome of a test is added to test.summary for each term that is tested.

## Usage

### **Arguments**

object

an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

terms.marginality

A square matrix of ones and zeros with row and column names being the names of the terms to be tested. The names of fixed terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the object, while the names of random terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the object. The diagonal elements of the matrix should be one, indicating that a term is marginal to itself. Elements should be one if the row term is marginal to the column term. All other elements should be zero.

alpha

The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and a fit when a term is removed does not converge, the term will not be removed.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

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checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

drop.ran.ns

A logical indicating whether to drop nonsignificant random terms from the model.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

drop.fix.ns

A logical indicating whether to drop a fixed term from the model when it is nonsignificant

denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

dDF.na

The method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no substitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual", the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) to the terms in the fixed and random models corresponding to terms in terms.marginality and (ii) those specified via . . . .

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set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the new asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and as.asrtests via testranfix.asrtests.

#### Value

A list containing:

- 1. asrtests.obj: an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.;
- 2. sig.tests: a character vector whose elements are the significant terms amongst those tested.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. Biometrics, 53, 983-997.

## See Also

chooseModel, chooseModel.data.frame, as.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml,  $change {\tt Model On IC.asrtests}, change {\tt Terms.asrtests}, reparam {\tt SigDevn.asrtests}$ 

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(log.Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) * Date,</pre>
                      random = ~Benches:MainPlots:SubPlots:spl(xDay),
                      data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species",</pre>
                 "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")
terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                simplify=TRUE)
terms <- c("Date", terms)</pre>
terms <- unname(terms)</pre>
1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
rownames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
colnames(marginality) <- terms</pre>
choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, marginality)</pre>
current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
sig.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

chooseModel.data.frame

Determines the set of significant terms from results stored in a data.frame, taking into account the marginality relations of terms and recording the tests used in a data.frame.

## Description

Uses the p.values from a set of hypothesis tests that are stored in the supplied data. frame to choose a model to describe the effects of the terms corresponding to the p-values, taking into account the hierarchy or marginality of terms. In particular, a term will not be tested if it is marginal to (or nested in) one that is significant. For example, if A:B is significant, then neither A nor B will be tested. The tests used in choosing the selected model are listed in the data. frame choose.summary.

No change is made to the p. values, the DF and denDF being for information only.

### Usage

## **Arguments**

object

a data.frame object containing the results of hypothesis tests for a set of terms. It components should include terms, p.values, and, if not set to NA, DF and denDF.

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terms A character giving the name of the column in object containing the terms corresponding to the p.values. If NULL, it is assumed that the row names of

object give the terms.

p.values A character giving the name of the column in object containing the p-values

to use in deciding whether or not terms are significant.

DF Can be a character or a numeric that specifies the numerator degrees of free-

> dom for the tests. If it is a character, it must be the name of a column in object containing the numerator degrees of freedom that are to be included in the choose. summary data. frame. if it is a numeric, its length must equal 1 or the number of rows in object. In either case, a column labelled DF will be included in the choose. summary data. frame. It will contain either the replicated

single value (which can be NA) or the values supplied.

denDF Can be a character or a numeric that specifies the denominator degrees of

> freedom for the tests. If it is a character, it must be the name of a column in object containing the denominator degrees of freedom that are to be included in the choose.summary data.frame. if it is a numeric, its length must equal 1 or the number of rows in object. In either case, a column labelled denDF will be included in the choose. summary data. frame. It will contain either the

replicated single value (which can be NA) or the values supplied.

omit.DF A logical indicating whether or not both the numerator and denominator degrees of freedom are to be omitted from choose. summary. Doing so will mean that the choose.summary no longer has the same columns as a test.summary

from an asrtests.object.

terms.marginality

A square matrix of ones and zeros with row and column names being the names of the those terms in the terms column of object that are to be tested. The diagonal elements should be one, indicating that a term is marginal to itself. Elements should be one if the row term is marginal to the column term. All other elements should be zero. The names of the rows and columns should

match the those elements of terms that are to be tested.

The significance level for the hypothesis testing. alpha

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at . . .

present.

### Value

## A list containing:

- 1. choose.summary: a data.frame summarizing the tests carried out in choosing the significant terms; provided omit.DF = FALSE, it has the same columns as a test.summary from an asrtests.object
- 2. sig.tests: a character vector whose elements are the significant terms amongst those

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

chooseModel.asrtests

### **Examples**

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get the table of p-values
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = \sim Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  fixed.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
 col.p <- "Pr"
  df = "Df"
  den.df = "denDF"
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest to get the table of p-values
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                               data=Ladybird.dat)
    fixed.tab <- anova(m1.lmer, type = "II")</pre>
    col.p <- "Pr(>F)"
    df = "NumDF"
    den.df = "DenDF"
  ## Select a model using the table of p-values obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("fixed.tab"))
  {
    term.marg <- dae::marginality(dae::pstructure(~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                                                     data = Ladybird.dat))
    chosen <- chooseModel(fixed.tab, p.values = col.p, DF = df, denDF = den.df,</pre>
                           terms.marginality = term.marg)
  }
```

chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests

Uses information criteria to choose the best fitting spatial model for accounting for local spatial variation.

## Description

For a response variable measured on a potentially irregular grid of rows and columns of the units, uses information criteria (IC) to decide whether the fit and parsimony of the model fitted to a set of data can be improved by adding, to the fitted model stored in the supplied asrtests.object, one of the following spatial models to account for the local spatial variation: (i) a two-dimensional first-order autocorrelation model, (ii) a two-dimensional tensor-product natural cubic smoothing spline model (TPNCSS), (iii) a two-dimensional tensor-product penalized P-spline model (TPPCS) model, or (iv) a two-dimensional tensor-product penalized linear spline model with first-difference penalties (TPP1LS). The models from which to select can be reduced to a subset of these four

models. For each model, a term from the spatial model is only added to the supplied model if the IC of the supplied model is decreased with the addition of that term. If no term improves the IC when a local spatial variation model is added, then the supplied, nonspatial model will be returned. The data can be arranged in sections, for each of which there is a grid and for which the model is to be fitted separately. Also, the rows and columns of a grid are not necessarily one observational unit wide. For TPPCS models, the improvement in the fit from rotating the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix can be investigated; if there is no improvement, the unrotated fit will be returned.

One or more rows is added to the test.summary data.frame of the asrtests.object, for each section and each spatial model, stating whether or not the new model has been swapped for a model in which the spatial model has been added to the supplied model. Convergence in fitting the model is checked and a note included in the action if there was not. All components of the asrtests.object are updated to exhibit the differences between the supplied and any new model.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
chooseSpatialModelOnIC(asrtests.obj, trySpatial = "all",
                       sections = NULL,
                       row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cCol",
                       row.factor = "Row", col.factor = "Col",
                       corr.funcs = c("ar1", "ar1"), corr.orders = c(0, 0),
                       row.corrFitfirst = TRUE, allow.corrsJointFit = TRUE,
                       dropFixed = NULL, dropRandom = NULL,
                       nsegs = NULL, nestorder = c(1,1),
                       usRandLinCoeffs = TRUE,
                       rotateX = FALSE, ngridangles = NULL,
                       which.rotacriterion = "AIC", nrotacores = 1,
                       asreml.option = "grp", tpps4mbf.obj = NULL,
                       allow.unconverged = FALSE,
                       allow.fixedcorrelation = FALSE,
                       checkboundaryonly = FALSE, update = FALSE,
                       maxit = 30, IClikelihood = "full", which.IC = "AIC",
                       return.asrts = "best", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

trySpatial

A character string nominating the types of spatial model whose fits are to be assessed. Possible values are none, corr, TPNCSS, TPPCS, and TPP1LS. If set to none, then just the supplied nonspatial model and the information about its information criteria will be returned.

sections

A single character string that specifies the name of the column in the data. frame that contains the factor that identifies different sections of the data to which separate spatial models are to be fitted. Note that, for other terms that involve sections in the random formula, there should be separate terms for each level of sections. For example, in a blocked experiment involving multiple sites, there should be the sum of separate terms for the Blocks at each Site i.e. a formula that contains terms like at(Site, i):Block for each site and these are separated by '+'. Otherwise, the combined term (e.g. Site:Block) will impact on the fitting of the local spatial models for the different Sites. Similarly, a separate residual variance for each of the sections should be fitted, unless there is a need

to fit a different variance structure to the residual, e.g. heterogeneous residual variances depending on treatments. Separate residual variances for sections can be achieved using the asreml functions dsum or idh. Because, unlike random terms, terms for residual variances are not removed from the model, compound residual terms can be used to include them in the model, e.g. terms with idh or dsum with multiple levels in the list or leaving levels out altogether. In addition to allowing the independent fitting of models to the sections, separate residual variance terms allows a nugget variance to be fitted in a correlation model for each of the sections.

row.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the rows of a grid. The numeric must be a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.covar

A single character string nominating a numeric that contains the values of a centred covariate indexing the columns of a grid. The numeric must be a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

row.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the rows of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

col.factor

A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the columns of a grid that are to be one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj that is a component of the supplied asrtests.obj.

corr.funcs

A single character string of length two that specifies the asreml one-dimensional correlation or variance model function for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model to be fitted when spatial.model is corr; the two-dimensional model is fitted as a random term. If a correlation or variance model is not to be investigated for one of the dimensions, specify "" for that dimension. If the correlation model is corb, the values of corr.orders are used for its order argument (b).

corr.orders

A numeric of length two that specifies the order argument (b) values for the row and column dimensions of a two-dimensional separable spatial correlation model when spatial.model is corr and the corr.funcs for a dimension is corb, the asreml banded correlation model. If one of the dimensions does not involve an order argument, set the value of corr.orders for that dimension to zero. For a dimension for which the corr.funcs is corb and corr.orders is zero, a model with a single band, the correlation between immediate neighbours, will be fitted and then further bands, up to a maximum of 10 bands, will be added until the addition of an extra band does not reduce the information criterion nominated using which.IC. Note that the two-dimensional spatial model is fitted as a random term.

row.corrFitfirst

A logical. If TRUE then, in fitting the model for spatial.model set to corr, the row correlation or variance function is fitted first, followed by the addition of the column correlation or variance function. If FALSE, the order of fitting is reversed.

allow.corrsJointFit

A logical which, if TRUE, will allow the simultaneous fitting of correlation functions for the two dimensions of the grid when separate fits have failed to fit

any correlation functions. This argument is available for when a joint fit hangs the system.

dropFixed

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of ". ~ . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the fixed formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the asrtests.obj. The fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms and so on. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

dropRandom

A single character string or a character vector of strings with an element for each level of sections in the same order as the sections levels. Each string, which if it is not NA and after the addition of "  $\sim$  . -" and conversion to a formula that is then expanded, specifies the sum of a set of terms to be dropped from the random formula in fitting splines (TPPS and TPNCSS). The result is that the fitted model supplied in the asrtests.obj, that includes these terms, will be compared with the fitted model that has had them removed and a spatial model added.

An element that is NA indicates that no term pertaining to the corresponding sections level is to be removed. If sections is not NULL and a single character string has been supplied, the terms specified by the string are taken to be terms that are independent of the sections and will be removed when adding the spatial model for the first sections.

The terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj. Note also that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

nsegs

A pair of numeric values giving the number of segments into which the column and row ranges are to be split, respectively, for fitting a P-spline model (TPPS) (each value specifies the number of internal knots + 1). If not specified, then (number of unique values - 1) is used in each dimension; for a grid layout with equal spacing, this gives a knot at each data value. If sections is not NULL and the grid differs between the sections, then nsegs will differ between the sections.

nestorder

A numeric of length 2. The order of nesting for column and row dimensions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline model (TPPS). A value of 1 specifies no nesting,

a value of 2 generates a spline with half the number of segments in that dimension, etc. The number of segments in each direction must be a multiple of the order of nesting.

usRandLinCoeffs

A logical which, if TRUE, will attempt to fit an unstructured variance model to the constant and linear terms in the interactions for constant and linear terms in one grid dimension interacting with smooth terms in the second grid dimension. The unstructured variance model can only be fitted if both the constant and linear interaction terms have been retained in the fitted model. This argument can be used to omit the attempt to fit an unstructured variance model when the attempt results in a stystem error.

rotateX

A logical indicating whether to rotate the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix, as described by Piepho, Boer and Williams (2022), when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Setting rotateX to TRUE results in a a search for an optimized rotation under a model that omits the random spline interaction terms. If ngridangles is set to NULL, the optimal rotation us found using an optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, the optimal rotation is found by exploring the fit over a two-dimensional grid of rotation angle pairs. The optimization seeks to optimize the criterion nominated in which.rotacriterion. Rotation of the eigenvectors is only relevant for difforder values greater than 1 and has only been implemented for difforder equal to 2.

ngridangles

A numeric of length 2. If NULL (the default), the optimal pair of angles for rotating the eignevectors of the penalty matrix of a P-spline (TPPS) will be determined using a nonlinear optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, its two values specify the numbers of angles between 0 and 90 degrees for each of the row and column dimensions to be used in determining the optimal pair of angles. Specifying factors of 90 will result in integer-valued angles. The number of grid points, and hence re-analyses will be the product of the values of (ngridangles + 1).

which.rotacriterion

A single character string nominating which of the criteria, out of the deviance, the likelihood, the AIC and the BIC, is to be used in determining the optimal rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix. The deviance uses the REML value computed by asreml; the other criteria use the full likelihood, evaluated using the REML estimates, that is computed by infoCriteria.asreml.

nrotacores

A numeric specifying the number of cores to deploy for running the analyses required to search the two-diemsional grid of rotation angles when rotateX is TRUE. Parallel processing has been implemented for analyzing, for each column angle, the set of angles to be investigated for the row dimension. The default value of one means that parallel processing will not be used. The value chosen for nrotacores needs to balanced against the other processes that are using parallel processing at the same time.

asreml.option

A single character string specifying whether the grp or mbf methods are to be used to supply externally formed covariate matrices to asreml when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Compared to the mbf method, the grp method is somewhat faster, but creates large asrtests.objects for which the time it takes to save them can exceed any gains in execution speed. The grp method adds columns to the data.frame containing the data. On the other hand, the mbf method adds only the fixed covariates to data and stores the random covariates in the environment of the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function; there are three smaller data.frames for each section that are not stored in the asreml.object resulting from the fitted model.

tpps4mbf.obj

An object made with makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame that contains the spline basis information for fitting P-splines. The argument tpps4mbf.obj only needs to be set when the mbf option of asreml.option is being used and it is desired to use mbf data.frames that have been created and stored prior to calling chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests. If tpps4mbf.obj is NULL, makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame will be called internally to produce the required mbf data.frames.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead. Note that, for correlation models, the fitting of each dimension and the test for a nugget term are performed with checkboundaryonly set to TRUE and its supplied setting only honoured using a call to rmboundary.asrtests immediately prior to returning the final result of the fitting.

update

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) to fit aptial terms and (ii) those specified via . . . .

which.IC

A character specifying the information criterion to be used in selecting the best model. Possible values are AIC and BIC. The value of the criterion for supplied model must exceed that for changed model for the changed model to be returned. (For choosing the rotation angle of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix, see which rotacriterion.

maxit

A numeric specifying the maximum number of iterations that asreml should perform in fitting a model.

IClikelihood

A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria to be included in the test.summary of an asrtests.object or to be used in choosing the best model.

return.asrts

A character string specifying whether the asrtests.object for the best fitting model (smallest AIC or BIC) is returned or the asrtests.objects resulting from the attempted fits of all of the models specified using trySpatial are returned

.. Further arguments passed to changeModelOnIC.asrtests, asreml and tpsmmb.

#### **Details**

For each spatial model that is to be fitted, a fitted spatial model is only returned if it improves the fit over an above that achieved with the model fit supplied in the asrtests.obj, because terms in the spatial model are not added unless model fit is improved by their addition as measured by an IC. If return.asrts is all, then this applies to each spatial model specified by trySpatial. To force a spatial model to be fitted use addSpatialModel.asrtests. The model fit supplied in the asrtests.obj should not include terms that will be included in any local spatial model. All spatial model terms are fitted as fixed or random. Consequently, the residual model does not have to be iid. The improvement in the fit resulting from the addition of a spatial model to the supplied model is evaluated. Note that the data must be in the order that corresponds to the residual argument with a variable to the right of another variable changes levels in the data frame faster than those of the preceding variables e.g. Row:Column implies that all levels for Column in consecutive rows of the data.frame with a single Row level.

For the corr spatial model, the default model is an autocorrelation model of order one (ar1) for each dimension. However, any of the single dimension correlation/variance models from asreml can be specified for each dimension, as can no correlation model for a dimension; the models for the two dimensions can differ. Using a forward selection procedure, a series of models are tried, without removing boundary or singular terms, beginning with the addition of row correlation and followed by the addition of column correlation or, if the row.corrFitfirst is set to FALSE, the reverse order. If the fitting of the first-fitted correlation did not result in a model change because the fitting did not converge or correlations were fixed, but the fit of the second correlation was successful, then adding the first correlation will be retried. If one of the metric correlation functions is specified (e.g. exp), then the row.covar or col.covar will be used in the spatial model. However, because the correlations are fitted separately for the two dimensions, the row.factor and col.factor are needed for all models and is used for a dimension that does not involve a correlation/variance function for the fit being performed. Also, the correlation models are fitted as random terms and so the correlation model will include a variance parameter for the grid even when ar1 is used to specify the correlation model, i.e. the model fitted is a variance model and there is no difference between ar1 and ar1v in fitting the model. The variance parameter for this term represents the spatial variance and the fit necessarily includes a nugget term, this being the residual variance. If any correlation is retained in the model, for a section if sections is not NULL, then the need for a nuggest term is assessed by fixing the corresponding residual variance to one, unless there are multiple residual variances and these are not related to the sections. Once the fitting of the correlation model has been completed, the rmboundary function will be executed with the checkboundaryonly value supplied in the chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests call. Finally, checking for bound and singular random terms associated with the correlation model and residual terms will be carried out when there are correlation terms in the model and checkboundaryonly has been set to FALSE; as many as possible will be removed from the fitted model, in some cases by fixing variance terms to

The tensor-product natural-cubic-smoothing-spline (TPNCSS) spatial model is as described by Verbyla et al. (2018), the tensor-product penalized-cubic-spline (TPPCS) model is similar to that described by Rodriguez-Alvarez et al. (2018), and the tensor-product, first-difference-penalty, linear spline (TPP1LS) model is amongst those described by Piepho, Boer and Williams (2022). The fixed terms for the spline models are row.covar + col.covar + row.covar:col.covar and the random terms are spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) + dev(row.covar) + dev(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):col.covar + row.covar:spl(col.covar) + spl(row.covar):spl(col.covar), except that spl(row.covar) + spl(col.covar) is not included in TPPCS and TPP1LS models. The supplied model should not include any of these terms. However, any fixed or random main-effect Row or Column term that has been included as an initial model for comparison with a spatial model can be removed prior to fitting the spatial model using dropFixed or dropRandom. For the penalized P-spline models with second-order differencing, the model matrices used to fit the

random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) are transformed using the spectral decomposition of their penalty matrices, and unstructured variance models across the columns of each of them will be tried. For TPPCS, it is also possible to investigate the rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors for the random terms spl(row.covar):col.covar and row.covar:spl(col.covar) (for more information see Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022). The investigation takes the form of a search over a grid of rotation angles for a reduced model; the fit of the full model with rotation using the optimal rotation angles will only be returned if it improves on the fit of the full, unrotated model.

The TPPCS and TPP1LS models are fitted using functions from the R package TPSbits authored by Sue Welham (2022). There are two methods for supplying the spline basis information produced by tpsmmb to asreml. The grp method adds it to the data.frame supplied in the data argument of the asreml call. The mbf method creates smaller data.frames with the spline basis information in the same environment as the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function. If it is desired to use in a later session, an asreml function, or asrtests function that calls asreml, (e.g. predict.asreml, predictPlus.asreml, or changeTerms.asrtests) on an asreml.object created using mbf terms, then the mbf data.frames will need to be recreated using makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame in the new session, supplying, if there has been rotation of the penalty matrix eigenvectors, the theta values that are returned as the attribute theta.opt of the asreml.obj.

All models utlize the function changeModelOnIC.asrtests to assess the model fit, the information criteria used in assessing the fit being calculated using infoCriteria. Arguments from tpsmmb and changeModelOnIC.asrtests can be supplied in calls to chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests and will be passed on to the relevant function though the ellipses argument (...).

The data for experiment can be divided into sections and an attempt to fit the same spatial model to each is made. The fit may differ for each of the sections, but the fit over all of the sections is assessed. For more detail see sections above.

Each combination of a row.coords and a col.coords does not have to specify a single observation; for example, to fit a local spatial model to the main units of a split-unit design, each combination would correspond to a main unit and all subunits of the main unit would have the same combination.

#### Value

A list containing four components: (i) asrts, (ii) spatial.IC, (iii) best.spatial.mod, and (iv) best.spatial.IC.

The component asrts itself holds a list of one or more asrtests.objects, either the best overall out of the supplied model and the spatial models, or, for each spatial model, the best out of the supplied model and that spatial model. Each asrtests.object contains the components: (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. If the asrtests.object is the result of fitting a TPPCS model with an exploration of the rotation of the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix for the linear components, then the asreml.obj will have an attribute theta.opt that contains the optimal rotation angles of the eigenvectors.

The spatial.IC component holds a data.frame with summary of the values of the information criteria for the supplied model and those resulting from adding the spatial model to the supplied model. In the se of a spatial correlation model, the information criteria for the selected spatial correlation model is returned. If a spatial model could not be fitted, then all returned values will be NA).

The best spatial component is a character giving the name of the best spatial model, and best spatial AIC gives the value of its AIC.

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Chris Brien

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#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame, addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, addSpatialModel.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, rmboundary.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, infoCriteria.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
#Add row and column covariates
Wheat.dat <- within(Wheat.dat,
                       cColumn <- dae::as.numfac(Column)</pre>
                       cColumn <- cColumn - mean(unique(cColumn))</pre>
                       cRow <- dae::as.numfac(Row)</pre>
                       cRow <- cRow - mean(unique(cRow))</pre>
                     })
#Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column,
                       data=Wheat.dat)
#Create an asrtests object, removing boundary terms
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL,</pre>
                              label = "Random Row and Column effects")
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
# Choose the best of four models for the local spatial variation
current.asrt <- chooseSpatialModelOnIC(current.asrt,</pre>
                                          row.covar = "cRow", col.covar = "cColumn",
                                          dropRowterm = "Row", dropColterm = "Column",
                                          asreml.option = "grp")
## End(Not run)
```

convAsremlobj.asreml Recreates an asreml obj

Recreates an asrem1 object so that it is compatible with the currently loaded asrem1 version.

# Description

Recreate an existing asreml object so that it is compatible with the currently loaded asreml version. It involves refitting the model stored in the asreml object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
convAsremlobj(asreml.obj, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

asreml.obj An asreml object with a component named call (from a previous call to either asreml or update.asreml).

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

### Value

An asreml object.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2*. VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

# See Also

```
newfit.asreml, update.asreml
```

```
## Not run:
    m1.asr <- convAsremlobj(m1.asr)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

convEffectNames2DataFrame.asreml

Converts the effects names for a term stored in the component of an asreml object into a data.frame.

# **Description**

Converts the effects names for a term stored in the component of an asreml object into a data. frame that has a column for each factor and variable in the term. It facilitates adding the effects to the data. frame supplied to asreml for an analysis. This function can only be used with asreml v4.2 or later.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
convEffectNames2DataFrame(asreml.obj, term, use = "design.matrix", sep = ":", ...)
```

# Arguments

asreml.obj An object resulting from the fitting of a model using asreml ve	asreml.obj	An object	resulting from	the fitting of a	a model using asren	ı1 v4.2.
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A character nominating a single model term. It should be the name of the term in the component, of the asreml.obj, nominated in the use argument. The variables/factors in term must match those in this component. Thus, it will not include asreml variance or correlation functions, but may include functions such at at. Generally, each element of the term, separated from other elements

by colons, should involve a single factor or variable.

use A character specifying a component in the asreml.obj. The default is the

design.matrix. Other possibilities are the random.coeffs or G.aom. For the option design.matrix, the design argument of asreml.options must be set to TRUE, before executing either the asreml or update.asreml call produces the asreml.obj. The option G.aom specifies the G component of the aom component that is included in the asreml.obj if the aom argument is set to TRUE in either asreml.options before calling asreml or update.asreml, or in a call to asreml or update.asreml that is involved in producing the asreml.obj.

sep A character specifying the separator of factors/variables in the term.

... Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

#### Value

A data. frame with columns for the factors and variables in term. It includes the attribute effect. names that contains the extracted effects names for the term

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2.* VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

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#### **Examples**

estimateV.asreml

Forms the estimated variance, random or residual matrix for the observations from the variance parameter estimates.

# **Description**

Forms the estimated variance (V), random (G) or (R) matrix for the observations, a square symmetric matrix of order equal to the number of observations. The estimates of the variance parameters and the information about the random and residual models for which they were estimated are obtained from the asreml object. This function is not available in ASReml-R version 3.

### Usage

# **Arguments**

asreml.obj

An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been set.

which.matrix

A character giving the matrix that is to be formed. It must be one of "V", to produce the variance matrix V = G + R, "G" to produce the matrix G, corresponding to the random formula, or "R" to produce the matrix R, corresponding to the residual formula.

extra.matrix

A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to the matrix specified by which.matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gammaor sigma-parameterized. The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

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ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV.asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or more spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary. asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### **Details**

The information about the variance parameters in the fitted mixed model are obtained from the G.param and R.param components of the asreml object. The function can deal with the following variance functions in either the random or residual models: id, diag, us, ar1, ar2, ar3, sar,sar2, ma1, ma2, arma, exp, gau, cor, corb and corg. All of these functions, except us, can be combined with either v or h. It will also cope with the following functions in the random model: at, str, sp1, dev, grp, fa and rr. Additionally, it can deal with the function dsum in the residual model. For further information see the ASReml-R User Guide Version 4 (Butler et al., 2023).

### Value

A matrix containing the estimated variance matrix.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2.* VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

### See Also

```
asreml, simulate.asreml, variofaces.asreml.
```

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exploreLSDs.alldiffs Explores the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

## **Description**

Given an alldiffs.object with an sed component, the LSDs are calculated for all pairwise comparisons of predictions. It then calculates (i) a table of frequencies of the LSD values, (ii) the distinct values of the LSDs after rounding, (iii) various statistics from the LSD values, (iv) a measure of the accuracy of each of the LSD statistics, (v) the numbers of false positives and false negatives for each of the LSD statistics if pairwise comparisons are based on the LSD statistic, (vi) the accuracy of each statistic in representing the LSD values for each prediction and (vii) a matrix containing the LSD values for comparing each pair of predictions. Histograms of the frequencies can also be produced.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall or factor.combinations. It determines whether the LSD values that are investigated and stored are (i) the overall minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of all pairwise LSDs, or (ii) the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum for the pairwise LSDs for each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a factor.combination, when notional LSDs are calculated. The LSDtype specified here does not have to match that used in the creating the alldiffs.object. See LSD.frame for further information on how the LSD statistics are calculated.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of the values the of the factors and numerics, the LSD statistics and accuracy are computed, as well histograms plotted, when LSDtype is factor.combinatons. The LSDby specified here does not have to match that used in the creating the alldiffs.object.

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LSDaccuracy A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation

or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of an LSD statistic when its values are used as an approximate LSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between a set of LSDs and an LSD statistic calculated from those LSDs; the accuracy is expressed as a

proportion of the value of the LSD statistic.

alpha A numeric specifying the significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of

predictions.

digits A numeric specifying the number of significant digits to retain in rounding the

LSDs before determining the distinct rounded LSDs.

retain.zeroLSDs

A logical indicating whether to retain or omit LSDs that are zero when calcu-

lating the summaries of LSDs.

zero.tolerance A numeric specifying the value such that if an LSD is less than it, the LSD will

be considered to be zero.

plotHistogram A logical indicating whether or not histograms of the LSD values are to be

plotted. The LSDtype argument controls whether one histogram of all LSD values is plotted or histograms are plotted for each combination of the levels of

the factors specified by the LSDby argument.

... Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

#### **Details**

The false positives and negatives are computed by comparing, for each pair of predictions within each levels-combination of the LSDby variables, the significance of the pair difference determined using (i) the true LSD that is computed from the standard error of differences for the pair and (ii) the approximate LSD that is a statistic computed from the true LSDs for all pairwise difference within each levels-combination of the LSDby variables. The number of false positives is the number of pairwise differences for which a difference is declared significant using the approximate LSD, but not using the true LSD. The number of false negatives is the number of pairwise differences for which a difference is declared nonsignificant using the approximate LSD, but significant using the true LSD.

The LSD accuracy for a set of LSDs is a function of the deviations of those LSDs and an LSD statistic calculated from them; the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the value of the LSD statistic.

#### Value

A list with components frequencies, distinct.vals, statistics, accuracy, per.pred.accuracy and LSD:

- $1. \ \ \text{frequencies is a data.} \\ \text{frame with the frequency distribution of the LSD values};$
- 2. distinct.vals is a list, each component of which contains the distinct values of the LSDs after rounding;
- 3. statistics is a data. frame with the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of the LSD values;
- 4. accuracy is a data. frame with the accuracies of the minimum, quantile 10, quantile 25, mean, median, quantile 75, quantile 90, and maximum of the LSD values with respect to the values from which these statistics are calculated;

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5. false.pos is a data.frame with the numbers of false positives for the pairwise comparisons within each levels-combination of the LSDby variables when each of the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of the LSD values is used as an approximate LSD in determining the significance of the pairwise differences;

- 6. false.neg is a data.frame with the numbers of false negatives for the pairwise comparisons within each levels-combination of the LSDby variables when each of the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of the LSD values is used as an approximate LSD in determining the significance of the pairwise differences;
- 7. per.pred.accuracy is a data.frame with the accuracies of the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of the LSD values for a set of predictions when these statistics are used to represent the LSDs for the comparisons amongst the set of predictions;
- 8. LSD is a square matrix containing the LSD values for all pairwise comparisons of the predictions contained in the supplied alldiffs.obj.

In the statistics, accuracy, false.pos and false.neg data.frames, c is the number of pairwise comparisons on which the values in the same row are based. The accuracy measure is specified by the LSDaccuracy argument.

#### Author(s)

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### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, plotLSDs.data.frame, plotLSDs.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.data.frame, recalcLSD.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs
```

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
   requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
```

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```
data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  ##Explore the LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
 LSDstat <- exploreLSDs(TS.diffs, LSDtype = "factor.combinations",
                         LSDby = "Sources")
}
```

facCombine.alldiffs Combines several factors into one in the components of an alldiffs.object

# **Description**

Combines several factors, in the prediction component of object, into one whose levels are the combinations of the used levels of the individual factors. The matching changes are made to the other components and the attributes of the alldiffs.object. If any of the factors to be combined are in LSDby, they are removed from the LSDby, unless the factors to be combined are exactly those in the LSDby. The levels of the factors are combined using fac.combine from the dae package.

## Usage

# Arguments

object An alldiffs.object.

factors A character containing the names of factors in the prediction component

of object whose levels are to be combined.

order Either standard or yates. The order in which the levels combinations of

the factors are to be considered as numbered when forming the levels of the combined factor; standard numbers them as if they are arranged in standard order, that is with the levels of the first factor moving slowest and those of the

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> last factor moving fastest; yates numbers them as if they are arranged in Yates order, that is with the levels of the first factor moving fastest and those of the last factor moving slowest.

combine.levels A logical specifying whether the levels labels of the new factor are to be combined from those of the factors being combined. The default is to use the integers from 1 to the product of the numbers of combinations of used levels of the individual factors, numbering the levels according to order.

sep

A character string to separate the levels when combine.levels = TRUE.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and

Further arguments passed to redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs.

#### Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs,
renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.combine in package dae.
```

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = ~ Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
  HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
  HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
  HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                                data=Ladybird.dat)
    HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
```

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```
HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
 den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
 ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
 HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                     se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                     interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
 HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
 HCL.sed <- NULL
}
## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("HCL.preds"))
 ## Form an all.diffs object
 HCL.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = HCL.preds, classify = "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",
                            sed = HCL.sed, vcov = HCL.vcov, tdf = den.df)
 ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
 is.alldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 ## Combine Cadavers and Ladybird
 HCL.diffs <- facCombine(HCL.diffs, factors = c("Cadavers", "Ladybird"))</pre>
 ## Check the validity of HCL.diffs
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
```

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Reorders and/or revises the factor levels using the order of old levels in levels.order and the new labels for the levels given in newlabels. The values in levels.order must be unique.

# Description

Reorders and revises the levels and labels of a factor, in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. The values in the levels.order vector should be the same as the levels in the existing factor, but the order can be changed. To revise the levels, specify the new levels in the newlabels vector and these will replace the corresponding value in the levels.order vector. The matching changes are made to the other components and attributes of the alldiffs.object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
facRecast(object, factor, levels.order = NULL, newlabels = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object.

factor A character containing the name of a factor in the prediction component

of object whose levels and labels are to be recast.

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levels.order A vector of length levels(factor) containing the old levels in the new order for the factor being created. If levels.order is NULL, then the current levels of levels(factor) are used.

A vector of length levels(factor) containing values to use in the revision.

Further arguments passed to the factor call creating the new factor.

#### Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, facCombine.alldiffs, facRename.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.recast in package dae.
```

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = \sim Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
  HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
  HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  {
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                                data=Ladybird.dat)
    HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
    HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                         se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                         interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
    HCL.sed <- NULL
```

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```
}
## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("HCL.preds"))
 ## Form an all.diffs object
HCL.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = HCL.preds, classify = "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",
                               sed = HCL.sed, vcov = HCL.vcov, tdf = den.df)
 ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
 is.alldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
 ## Recast the Ladybird and Host factors
 HCL.diffs <- facRecast(HCL.diffs, factor = "Ladybird",</pre>
                         newlabels = c("none", "present"))
 HCL.diffs <- facRecast(HCL.diffs, factor = "Ladybird",</pre>
                         levels.order = c("present", "none"),
                         newlabels = c("yes","no"))
 HCL.diffs <- facRecast.alldiffs(HCL.diffs, factor = "Host",</pre>
                                   levels.order = c("trefoil", "bean"))
 ## Check the validity of HCL.diffs
 validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
```

facRename.alldiffs Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object.

# Description

Renames factors in the prediction component of an alldiffs.object. These changes are propagated to the other components and attributes of the alldiffs.object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
facRename(object, factor.names, newnames, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object.

factor.names A character containing the names of the factors in the prediction component of object that are to be renamed.

newnames A character containing the new names of the factors in the prediction component of object.

... Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

# Value

A modified alldiffs.object.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, facCombine.alldiffs, facRecast.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs; fac.recast in package dae.
```

```
data("Ladybird.dat")
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird,</pre>
                    random = \sim Run,
                    data = Ladybird.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  HCL.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",</pre>
                                       sed=TRUE)
  HCL.preds <- HCL.pred$pvals</pre>
  HCL.sed <- HCL.pred$sed</pre>
 HCL.vcov <- NULL
  wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Host:Cadavers:Ladybird", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                                data=Ladybird.dat)
    HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
    HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
    den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
    ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    HCL.vcov <- vcov(HCL.emm)</pre>
    HCL.sed <- NULL
  ## Use the predictions obtained with either asreml or lmerTest
  if (exists("HCL.preds"))
    ## Form an all.diffs object
    HCL.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = HCL.preds,</pre>
                                  classify = "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird",
                                  sed = HCL.sed, vcov = HCL.vcov, tdf = den.df)
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
```

```
is.alldiffs(HCL.diffs)
validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)

## Rename Cadavers

HCL.diffs <- facRename(HCL.diffs, factor.names = "Cadavers", newnames = "Cadaver.nos")

## Check the validity of HCL.diffs
validAlldiffs(HCL.diffs)
}</pre>
```

getASRemlVersionLoaded

Finds the version of asreml that is loaded and returns the initial characters in version.

# Description

Checks that asreml is loaded and, if it is, returns the first nchar characters of the version that is loaded.

# Usage

```
getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = NULL, notloaded.fault = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

nchar The number of characters in the asreml version to get. notloaded.fault

A logical indicating whether a fault is to occur if asreml is not loaded.

#### Value

A character, being the first nchar characters of the version of asreml that is loaded.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

loadASRemlVersion.

```
## Not run:
getASRemlVersionLoaded()
## End(Not run)
```

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getFormulae.asreml

Gets the formulae from an asreml object.

# **Description**

Gets the formulae nominated in the which argument from the call stored in an asreml object.

## Usage

# Arguments

asreml.obj	An object resulting from the fitting of a model using asreml.
which	A character listing the formula(e) to be extracted from the call stored in asreml.obj. it should be some combination of fixed, random, residual, sparse and all. If all is included then all formula(e) will be returned, those not having been specified in the call being NULL.
expanded	A logical indicating whether terms are to be expanded to the sum of a set of individual terms.
envir	The environment in which the formula(e) are to be evaluated. May also be NULL, a list, a data. frame, a pairlist or an integer as specified to sys.call.
	Arguments passed on to update.formula and ultimately to terms.formula.

# Value

A list containing a component with each of the extracted formula(e), the name of a component being the formula that it contains.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
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```

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```
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```

## Description

Matches the label in the term column of the test. summary data. frame in the supplied asrtests.object and extracts the line for it. It only matches the last occurrence of label.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
getTestEntry(asrtests.obj, label, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

A character specifying the label of the test for which the entry is required. If testranfix.asrtests was used for the test of interest, then the label will be the value of the term argument supplied to testranfix.asrtests. For changeModelOnIC.asrtests, the label will be the value of the label argument. Other arguments will be relevant for other test and change functions.

... provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

## Value

A one-line data. frame containing the entry.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
getTestPvalue.asrtests, as.asrtests,
testranfix.asrtests, testswapran.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests,
changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests
```

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```
getTestEntry(current.asrt, label = "units")
## End(Not run)
```

```
getTestPvalue.asrtests
```

Gets the p-value for a test recorded in the test.summary data.frame of an asrtests.object

# **Description**

Matches the label in the term column of the test. summary data. frame in the supplied asrtests.object and extracts its p-value. It only matches the last occurrence of label.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
getTestPvalue(asrtests.obj, label, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

and (iii) test.summary.

label A character specifying the label of the test for which the p-value is required.

If testranfix.asrtests was used for the test of interest, then the label will be the value of the term argument supplied to testranfix.asrtests. Other

arguments will be relevant for other test functions.

... provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

## Value

An numeric containing the p-value. It can be NA, for example when a p-value could not be calculated.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
getTestEntry.asrtests, as.asrtests,
testranfix.asrtests, testswapran.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests,
changeTerms.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests
```

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infoCriteria

Computes AIC and BIC for models.

# **Description**

Computes Akiake and Bayesian (Schwarz) Information Criteria for models. Either the Restricted Maximum likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood (full) can be used. The full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates is used when it is desired to compare models that differ in their fixed models.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

object

An asreml object resulting from the fitting of a model using REML or a list of asreml objects. If the components of the list are named, then those names will be used as the rownames for the returned data.frame.

DF

A numeric giving the number of estimated variance parameters. If NULL then this is determined from the information in object. This argument has been replaced by varDF, but is retained for compatibility with legacy code. It is not available with the list method.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying the bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

IClikelihood

A character specifying whether Restricted Maximum Likelihood (REML) or the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, (full) are to be used in calculating the information criteria for family set to asr\_gaussian. For family set to asr\_binomial or asr\_poisson and with dispersion set to 1, the deviance

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is extracted from object and used to calculate the AIC and BIC (as suggested by Damian Collins); the setting of IClikelihood is ignored and the log-likelihood set to NA. The information criteria are not valid for other settings of family and

dispersion.

fixedDF A numeric giving the number of estimated fixed parameters. If NULL then this

is determined from the information in object. For object a list only a single value that is used for all components of the list has been implemented.

varDF A numeric giving the number of estimated variance parameters. If NULL then

this is determined from the information in object. It replaces the DF argument. For object a list only a single value that is used for all components of the

list has been implemented.

... Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

#### **Details**

The variance degrees of freedom (varDF) are the number of number of variance parameters that have been estimated, excluding those whose estimates have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions. If varDF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise varDF is determined from the information in object, i.e. if object is an asreml object then from it, or if object is a list then from each asreml object in the list. Similarly, the fixed degrees of freedom (fixedDF) are the number of number of fixed parameters that have been estimated, any coefficients that have the value NA being excluded. If fixedDF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise fixedDF is determined from the information in object.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

The calculation of the information criteria is an adaptation of the code supplied in File S1 of Verbyla (2019). The log-likelihood is calculated as loglik = log(REML) - log(|C|)/2, where C is the inverse coefficient matrix; the term involving C is omitted for REML. The AIC is calculated as -2 \* loglik + 2 \* (varDF + fixedDF) and the BIC as -2 \* loglik + (fixedDF + varDF) \* log(n - r + fixedDF), where n is the number of observations and r is the rank of the fixed effects design matrix. For REML, fixedDF = 0.

### Value

A data.frame containing the numbers of estimated fixed (fixedDF) and variance (varDF) parameters, the number of bound parameters (NBound), AIC, BIC and the value of the log-likelihood (loglik). All elements of the data.frame will be set to NA for the invalid combinations of family and dispersion as noted in the IClikelihood argument. If object is a list and its components are named, then those names will be used to set the rownames of the data.frame.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# References

Verbyla, A. P. (2019). A note on model selection using information criteria for general linear models estimated using REML. *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics*, **61**, 39–50. doi:10.1111/anzs.12254.

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#### See Also

REMLRT.asreml, changeTerms.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
  data(Wheat.dat)
   ## Fit several models to the wheat data and calculate their ICs
   # Fit initial model
   m.max <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                   random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                   residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                   data=Wheat.dat)
   infoCriteria(m.max.asr, IClikelihood = "full")
   #Drop term for within Column pairs
   m1 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + Variety,
                random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                data=Wheat.dat)
   #Drop nugget term
   m2 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                random = \sim Row + Column,
                residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                data=Wheat.dat)
   #Drop Row autocorrelation
   m3 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,
                   random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                   residual = ~ Row:ar1(Column),
                   data=Wheat.dat)
   #Drop Col autocorrelation
   m4 <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                residual = ~ ar1(Row):Column,
                data=Wheat.dat)
   mods.asr <- list(m.max, m1, m2, m3, m4)</pre>
   infoCriteria(mods.asr, IClikelihood = "full")
## End(Not run)
```

is.alldiffs

Tests whether an object is of class alldiffs

### **Description**

A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class alldiffs.

### Usage

```
is.alldiffs(object)
```

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## **Arguments**

object An object to be tested.

#### Value

A logical.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, alldiffs.object, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs
```

# **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                             data=Oats.dat)
 Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
 Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
 den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
 ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
 Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                      se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
 Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
 Var.sed <- NULL</pre>
## Form an all.diffs object
Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                           sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
## check the class of Var.diffs
is.alldiffs(Var.diffs)
```

is.asrtests

Tests whether an object is of class asrtests

# Description

A single-line function that tests whether an object is of class asrtests.

### Usage

```
is.asrtests(object)
```

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# **Arguments**

object An object to be tested.

### Value

A logical.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

asremlPlus-package, asrtests.object, is.asrtests, as.asrtests

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(dae)
library(asreml)
library(asremlPlus)
## use ?Wheat.dat for data set details
data(Wheat.dat)
# Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# check the class of current.asrt
is.asrtests(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

 $\hbox{is.predictions.frame} \quad \textit{Tests whether an object is of class predictions.frame}$ 

# Description

 $A \ single-line \ function \ that \ tests \ whether \ an \ object \ is \ of \ class \ predictions. \ frame.$ 

# Usage

```
is.predictions.frame(object)
```

# **Arguments**

object An object to be tested.

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#### Value

A logical.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

asremlPlus-package, predictions.frame, validPredictionsFrame, as.predictions.frame

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                   random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                   data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                     est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
    is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
  }
```

iterate.asrtests 101

iterate.asrtests	Subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object to fur-
	ther iterations of the fitting process.

### **Description**

In an effort to improve convergence, subject the fitted asreml.obj stored in an asrtests.object to further iterations of the fitting process; the model specification is not changed. While no change is made to the test.summary, the wald.tab is updated.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
iterate(asrtests.obj, denDF="numeric", trace = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

 $as rtests.obj \qquad an \, as rtests.object \, containing \, the \, components \, (i) \, as reml.obj, \, (ii) \, wald. \, tab,$ 

and (iii) test.summary.

denDF Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of

freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part

of the model.

trace If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

... further arguments passed to update.asreml.

#### Value

An object of S3-class asrtests.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

### See Also

```
as.asrtests, asrtests.object, newfit.asreml
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    current.asrt <- iterate(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Ladybird.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate whether ladybirds transfer aphids

# **Description**

Welham et al. (2015, Example 8.2) describe a three-factor factorial experiment to investigate whether ladybirds transfer fungus to live aphids on plants. The three factors are Host plant (beans, trefoil), infected Cadavers (5, 10, 20), and Ladybird (-, +). A generalized randomized complete-block design is used to assign the three factors to 2 Runs, each of which involves 36 containers with a plant and live aphids. The response to be analyzed is the logit of the proportion of live aphids that were infected.

The columns in the data frame are: ID, Run, Plant, Host, Ladybird, Cadavers, Live, Infected, logitP, Prop. The column ID numbers the observations. Live, Infected, logitP, Prop are response variables.

# Usage

```
data(Ladybird.dat)
```

### **Format**

A data frame containing 72 observations of 10 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# Source

Welham, S. J., Gezan, S. A., Clark, S. J., & Mead, A. (2015). *Statistical Methods in Biology: Design and Analysis of Experiments and Regression*. Boca Raton: Chapman and Hall/CRC..

linTransform.alldiffs Calculates a linear transformation of the predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

#### **Description**

Effects the linear transformation of the predictions in the supplied alldiffs.object, the transformation being specified by a matrix or a formula. The values of the transformed values are stored in an alldiffs.object. A matrix might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for the levels of a factor used to obtain the weighted average over the levels of that factor. A formula gives rise to a projection matrix that linearly transforms the predictions so that they conform to the model specified by the formula, this model being a submodel of that inherent in the classify.

If pairwise = TRUE, all pairwise differences between the linear transforms of the predictions, their standard errors, p-values and LSD statistics are computed as using allDifferences.data.frame. This adds them to the alldiffs. object as additional list components named differences, sed, p.differences and LSD.

If a transformation has been applied (any one of transform, power is not one, scale is not one and offset is nonzero), the backtransforms of the transformed values and of the lower and upper limits of their error.intervals are added to a data.frame that is consistent with a predictions.frame. If transform. power is other than one, the standard.error column of the data.frame is set to NA. This data. frame is added to the alldiffs. object as a list component called backtransforms.

The printing of the components produced is controlled by the tables argument. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
linTransform(alldiffs.obj, classify = NULL, term = NULL,
             linear.transformation = NULL, Vmatrix = FALSE,
             error.intervals = "Confidence",
             avsed.tolerance = 0.25, accuracy.threshold = NA,
             LSDtype = "overall", LSDsupplied = NULL,
             LSDby = NULL, LSDstatistic = "mean",
             LSDaccuracy = "maxAbsDeviation",
             zero.tolerance = .Machine$double.eps ^ 0.5,
             response = NULL, response.title = NULL,
             x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL,
             tables = "all", level.length = NA,
             pairwise = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
             inestimable.rm = TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.

classify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table corresponding to the predictions in alldiffs.obj. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that

is, separating the variable names with the : operator.

A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It only needs to be specified when it is different to classify; it is stored as an attribute of the alldiffs.object. It is likely to be needed when the fitted model includes terms that involve both a numeric covariate and a factor that parallel each other; the classify would include the covariate and the term would include the factor.

term

#### linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of a model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel does not have to involve variables in the classify, but the variables must be columns in the predictions component of alldiffs.obj and the space for the submodel must be a subspace of the space for the term specified by the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B. The submodel space corresponding to A + B is a subspace of the space A:B. In this case both the submodel and the classify involve only the factors A and B. To fit an intercept-only submodel, specify linear.transformation to be the formula ~1.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned.

Vmatrix

A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

#### error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If the LSD is zero, as can happen when predictions are constrained to be equal, then the limits of the error intervals are set to NA. If LSDtype is set to overall, the avsed tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals.

### avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. To have it ignored, set it to NA. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed.tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by LSDtype are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of LSDtype, if avsed. tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If LSDtype is set to overall, avsed. tolerance is not NA, and avsed. tolerance is exceeded then error. intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 4. If LSDtype is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

5. If LSDtype is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

accuracy.threshold

A numeric specifying the value of the LSD accuracy measure, which measure is specified by LSDaccuracy, as a threshold value in determining whether the hallfLeastSignificant error.interval for a predicted value is a reasonable approximation; this will be the case if the LSDs across all pairwise comparisons for which the interval's LSD was computed, as specified by LSDtype and LSDby, are similar enough to the interval's LSD, as measured by LSDaccuracy. If it is NA, it will be ignored. If it is not NA, a column of logicals named LSDwarning will be added to the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. The value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be TRUE if the value of the LSDaccuracy measure computed from the LSDs for differences between this predicted.value and the other predicted.values as compared to its assignedLSD exceeds the value of accuracy. threshold. Otherwise, the value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be FALSE.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data.frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assignedLSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD.frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing

> halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

zero.tolerance A numeric specifying the value such that if a predicted.value, its variancecovariance, or an LSD is less than it, the LSD will be considered to be zero.

response

A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and (ii) is the x-axis variable for plots. Its values will not be converted to a factor.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x.num and (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x.num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also set.

tables

A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and standard errors.

pairwise

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

further arguments passed to redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs.

#### **Details**

For a matrix L, vector of predictions p and variance matrix of the predictions  $V_p$ , the linear transformed predictions are given by Lp with variance matrix  $LV_pL^T$ . The last matrix is used to compute the variance of pairwise differences between the transformed values.

The matrix  ${\bf L}$  is directly specified by setting linear.transformation to it. If linear.transformation is a formula then  ${\bf L}$  is formed as the sum of the orthogonal projection matrices obtained using pstructure.formula from the package dae; grandMean is set to TRUE and orthogonalize to "eigenmethods".

#### Value

A alldiffs.object with the linear transformation of the predictions and their standard errors and all pairwise differences between the linear transforms of their predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics.

If the supplied alldiffs.object contained a backtransforms component, then the returned alldiffs.object will contain a backtransforms component with the backtransformed linear transformation of the predictions. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, subtract the offset and then divide by the scale.

If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, alpha, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object. Also, if error.intervals is "halfLeastSignificant", then those of LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic that are not NULL will be added as attributes of the object and of the predictions frame; additionally, LSDvalues will be added as attribute of the predictions frame, LSDvalues being the LSD values used in calculating the error.intervals.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
linTransform, predictPlus.asreml, as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs,
subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs,
recalcLSD.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml,
plotPredictions.data.frame, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

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```
#Get additive predictions directly using predictPlus
diffs.sub <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Species", Vmatrix = TRUE,</pre>
                                 linear.transformation = ~ Sources + Species,
                                 asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                                 wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                 present = c("Type","Species","Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * Species) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  SS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)</pre>
  SS.preds <- summary(SS.emm)</pre>
  den.df <- min(SS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify SS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  SS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(SS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI";
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  SS.vcov <- vcov(SS.emm)
  SS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = SS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                              vcov = SS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(SS.diffs)
  #Get additive predictions
  diffs.sub <- linTransform(SS.diffs, classify = "Sources:Species",</pre>
                             linear.transformation = ~ Sources + Species,
                             Vmatrix = TRUE, tables = "none")
}
##Calculate contrasts from prediction obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("diffs.sub"))
{
 #Contrast matrix for differences between each species and non-planted for the last source
 L \leftarrow cbind(matrix(rep(0,7*32), nrow = 7, ncol = 32),
             diag(1, nrow = 7),
             matrix(rep(-1, 7), ncol = 1))
  rownames(L) <- as.character(diffs.sub$predictions$Species[33:39])</pre>
  diffs.L <- linTransform(diffs.sub,</pre>
                           classify = "Sources:Species",
                           linear.transformation = L,
                           tables = "predictions")
}
```

LSD.frame

#### **Description**

Loads the specified version of asreml, provided that it is not already loaded. If the version of asreml is not the required version, then the loaded version is unloaded first.

## Usage

```
loadASRemlVersion(version = 4, ...)
```

### Arguments

version

The version that is to be loaded, the version consisting of just the initial characters that are significant in the version that should be loaded. For example, the default value of 4 implies that any version that begins with "4" is acceptable. It is used to check that the required version is loaded.

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Other library/require arguments that are needed to load the specified version of asrem1.

### Value

A character, being all characters in the version of asreml that is loaded on exit from the function.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

 ${\tt getASRemlVersionLoaded}.$ 

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loadASRemlVersion(3, lib.loc = "D:\Analyses\R asreml3")
## End(Not run)
```

LSD.frame

Description of an LSD frame

### **Description**

A data. frame that stores Least Significant differences (LSDs) for predictions for a fitted model.

## Value

A data.frame that can be a component of an alldiffs.object and that contains LSD values and statistics to be used in determining the significance of the pairwise differences. In particular, they are used in calculating halfLeastSignificant limits to be included in a predictions.frame.

Exactly what an LSD.frame contains is determined by the following arguments to functions that return an alldiffs.object: LSDtype, LSDby, LSDstatistic, LSDaccuracy and LSDsupplied. The rownames of the LSD.frame indicate, for each of its rows, for what group of predictions the entries in the row were calculated, this being controlled by the LSDtype and LSDby arguments.

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The values for all of the LSD arguments are stored as attributes to the alldiffs.object and the predictions and, if present backtransforms, components of the alldiffs.object.

An LSD. frame always has the eight columns c, minimumLSD, meanLSD, maximumLSD, assignedLSD, accuracyLSD, falsePos and falseNeg.

- 1. c: This gives the number of pairwise comparison of predictions for the combinations of the factor levels given by the row name. If the row name is overall then it is for all predictions.
- minimumLSD, meanLSD, maximumLSD: These are computed for either overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied LSD values, as specified by the LSDtype argument. The meanLSD is calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of set of pairwise differences appropriate to the specific LSDtype argument.

For overall, the mean, minimum and maximum of the LSDs for all pairwise comparisons are computed.

If factor.combinations was specified for LSDtype when the LSDs were being calculated, then the LSD.frame contains a row for each combination of the values of the factors and numerics specified by LSDby. The values in a row are calculated from the LSD values for the pairwise differences for each combination of the factors and numerics values, unless there is only one prediction for a combination, when notional LSDs are calculated that are based on the standard error of the prediction multiplied by the square root of two.

For per. prediction, the minimum, mean and maximum LSD, based, for each prediction, on the LSD values for all pairwise differences involving that prediction are computed.

For supplied, the LSD. frame is set up based on the setting of LSDby: a single row with name overall if LSDby is NULL or, if LSDby is a vector of factor and numeric names, rows for each observed combinations of the values of the named factors and numerics. The LSDsupplied argument is used to provide the values to be stored in the column assignedLSD.

- 3. assignedLSD: The assignedLSD column contains the values that are assigned for use in calculating halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Its contents are determined by LSDstatistic and LSDsupplied arguments. The LSDsupplied argument allows the direct specification of values to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame. The default is to use the values in the meanLSD column.
- 4. LSDaccuracy: The LSDaccuracy gives an indication of the proportion that the correct LSD for a single predicted.value might deviate from its assignedLSD value. The contents of the accuracyLSD column is controlled by the LSDaccuracy argument.
- 5. falsePos and falseNeg: These columns contain the number of false positives and negatives if the assignedLSD value(s) is(are) used to determine the significance of the pairwise predictions differences. Each LSD value in the assignedLSD column is used to determine the significance of pairwise differences that involve predictions for the combination of values given by the row name for the LSD value.

See recalcLSD.alldiffs for more information.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

recalcLSD.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, predictPlus.asreml

# **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.diffs <- predictPlus(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                           wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                           tables = "none")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
   if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    #Get predictions
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
    Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.sed <- NULL
    #Set up an alldiffs object, which includes overall LSDs
    Var.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Variety:Nitrogen",</pre>
                                       sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = 45)
  }
  if (exists("Var.diffs"))
    ## Use recalcLSD to get LSDs for within Variety differences
    Var.LSD.diffs <- recalcLSD(Var.diffs,</pre>
                                LSDtype = "factor.combinations", LSDby = "Variety")
    print(Var.LSD.diffs$LSD)
  }
```

makeTPPSplineMats.data.frame

Make the spline basis matrices and data needed to fit Tensor Product P-splines.

# **Description**

Prepares the fixed and random P-spline basis matrices, and associated information, that are needed for fitting of Tensor Product P-splines (TPPS) as described by Rodriguez-Alvarez et al. (2018). This

function is called internally by addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests and chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests when fitting TPPS models for local spatial variation. There are two methods available, controlled by asreml.option for creating and storing the basis functions. This function is most likely to be called directly when mbf has been used in creating an asreml.object and it is desired to use the object in a session subsequent to the session in which the object was created.

# Usage

### **Arguments**

data An data.frame that holds the spline bases for a section. It is indexed by

columns named col and row.

sections A single character string that species the name of the column in the data. frame

that contains the factor that identifies different sections of the data to which

separate spatial models are to be fitted.

row.covar A single character string nominating a numeric column in the data.frame

that contains the values of a covariate indexing the rows of the grid.

col.covar A single character string nominating a numeric column in the data.frame

that contains the values of a covariate indexing the columns of the grid.

nsegs A pair of numeric values giving the number of segments into which the column

and row ranges are to be split, respectively, for fitting a P-spline model (TPPS) (each value specifies the number of internal knots + 1). If not specified, then (number of unique values - 1) is used in each dimension; for a grid layout with equal spacing, this gives a knot at each data value. If sections is not NULL and the grid differs between the sections, then nsegs will differ between the

sections.

nestorder A numeric of length 2. The order of nesting for column and row dimensions,

respectively, in fitting a P-spline model (TPPS). A value of 1 specifies no nesting, a value of 2 generates a spline with half the number of segments in that dimension, etc. The number of segments in each direction must be a multiple of the

order of nesting.

degree A numeric of length 2. The degree of polynomial spline to be used for column

and row dimensions respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

difforder A numeric of length 2. The order of differencing for column and row dimen-

sions, respectively, in fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

rotateX A logical indicating whether to rotate the eigenvectors of the penalty matrix, as described by Piepho, Boer and Williams (2022), when fitting a P-spline (TPPS).

Setting rotateX to TRUE results in a search for an optimized rotation under a model that omits the random spline interaction terms. If ngridangles is set to NULL, the optimal rotation us found using an optimizer (nloptr::bobyqa). Otherwise, the optimal rotation is found by exploring the fit over a two-dimensional

grid of rotation angle pairs. The optimization seeks to optimize the criterion nominated in which rotacriterion. Rotation of the eigenvectors is only relevant for difforder values greater than 1 and has only been implemented for difforder equal to 2.

theta

A numeric of length 2. The angle (in degrees) to be used in rotating the eign-evectors of the penalty matrix of a P-spline (TPPS).

asreml.option

A single character string specifying whether the grp or mbf methods are to be used to supply externally formed covariate matrices to asreml when fitting a P-spline (TPPS). Compared to the mbf method, the grp method is somewhat faster, but creates large asrtests.objects for which the time it takes to save them can exceed any gains in execution speed. The grp method adds columns to the data.frame containing the data. On the other hand, the mbf method adds only the fixed covariates to data and stores the random covariates in the environment of the internal function that calls the spline-fitting function; there are three smaller data.frames for each section that are not stored in the asreml.object resulting from the fitted model.

mbf.env

A environment specifying the environment to which the data.frames containing the spline bases are to be assigned. If mbf.env is NULL, the data.frames will not be assigned.

Further arguments passed to tpsmmb from package TPSbits.

### **Details**

The objects are formed using the function tpsmmb from the R package TPSbits authored by Sue Welham (2022). This function has been extended to allow for sections (see below) and to allow rotation of the penalty matrix for the linear component of the interaction terms in TPPCS models (for more information about rotation see Piepho, Boer and Williams, 2022).

Each combination of a row.covar and a col.covar does not have to specify a single observation; for example, to fit a local spatial variation model to the main units of a split-unit design, each combination would correspond to a main unit and all subunits of the main unit would have the same combination.

The data for experiment can be divided sections and the spline bases and associated data will be produced for each section. If there is more than one sections, then a list is returned that has a component for each section. The component for a section contains:

# Value

A list of length equal to the number of sections is produced. Each of these components is a list with 8 or 9 components. The component named data.plus, being the input data.frame to which has been added the columns required to fit the TPPS model (the data.frame stored in the data component holds only the covariates from data).

List of length 8 or 9 (according to the asreml.option).

1. data = the input data frame augmented with structures required to fit tensor product splines in asrem1-R. This data frame can be used to fit the TPS model.

Added columns:

- TP. col. TP. row = column and row coordinates
- TP.CxR = combined index for use with smooth x smooth term
- TP.C.n for n=1:diff.c = X parts of column spline for use in random model (where diff.c is the order of column differencing)

- TP.R.n for n=1:diff.r = X parts of row spline for use in random model (where diff.r is the order of row differencing)
- TP.CR.n for n=1:(diff.c\*diff.r) = interaction between the two X parts for use in fixed model. The first variate is a constant term which should be omitted from the model when the constant (1) is present. If all elements are included in the model then the constant term should be omitted, eg. y ~ -1 + TP.CR.1 + TP.CR.2 + TP.CR.3 + TP.CR.4 + other terms...
- when asreml="grp" or "sepgrp", the spline basis functions are also added into the data frame. Column numbers for each term are given in the grp list structure.
- 2. mbflist = list that can be used in call to asreml (so long as Z matrix data frames extracted with right names, eg BcZ<stub>.df)
- 3. BcZ.df = mbf data frame mapping onto smooth part of column spline, last column (labelled TP.col) gives column index
- 4. BrZ.df = mbf data frame mapping onto smooth part of row spline, last column (labelled TP.row) gives row index
- 5. BcrZ.df = mbf data frame mapping onto smooth x smooth term, last column (labelled TP.CxR) maps onto col x row combined index
- 6. dim = list structure, holding dimension values relating to the model:
  - (a) "diff.c" = order of differencing used in column dimension
  - (b) "nbc" = number of random basis functions in column dimension
  - (c) "nbcn" = number of nested random basis functions in column dimension used in smooth x smooth term
  - (d) "diff.r" = order of differencing used in column dimension
  - (e) "nbr" = number of random basis functions in column dimension
  - (f) "nbrn" = number of nested random basis functions in column dimension used in smooth x smooth term
- 7. trace = list of trace values for ZGZ' for the random TPspline terms, where Z is the design matrix and G is the known diagonal variance matrix derived from eigenvalues. This can be used to rescale the spline design matrix (or equivalently variance components).
- 8. grp = list structure, only added for setting asreml="grp". For asreml="grp", provides column indexes for each of the 5 random components of the 2D splines in data.plus. Dimensions of the components can be derived from the values in the dim item.
- 9. data.plus = the input data.frame to which has been added the columns required to fit tensor product splines in asreml-R. This data.frame can be used to fit the TPS model. FOr multiple sections, this data.frame will occur in the component for each section. If asreml.option is set to mbf, then this component will have the attribute mbf.env that specifies the environment to which the data.frames containing the spline bases have been assigned.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# References

Piepho, H-P, Boer, M. P. & Williams, E. R. (2022) Two-dimensional P-spline smoothing for spatial analysis of plant breeding trials. *Biometrical Journal*, **64**, 835-857.)

Rodriguez-Alvarez, M. X., Boer, M. P., van Eeuwijk, F. A., & Eilers, P. H. C. (2018). Correcting for spatial heterogeneity in plant breeding experiments with P-splines. *Spatial Statistics*, **23**, 52-71.

Welham, S. J. (2022) TPSbits: *Creates Structures to Enable Fitting and Examination of 2D Tensor-Product Splines using ASReml-R*. Version 1.0.0 https://mmade.org/tpsbits/

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#### See Also

```
addSpatialModel.asrtests, addSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, chooseSpatialModelOnIC.asrtests, tpsmmb from TPSbits
```

# **Examples**

newfit.asreml

Refits an asrem1 model with changed arguments by extracting, modifying and evaluating its call - an alternate to update.asreml.

# Description

Extracts the call from the asreml.obj and evaluates that call, replacing supplied asreml arguments with changed values. If update is TRUE and set.terms is NULL, the call is evaluated using the variance parameter estimates from the call stored in asreml.obj; if some variance terms in the newly fitted model are singular (S) or bound (B), a refit of the model will be tried in which the variance parameter estimates in asreml.obj are not used and will become the fitted model if its boundary terms are a subset of those in the fitted model stored in asreml.obj. If update is FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, the previous values of the variance parameters are not used as initial values for fitting the new model; G.param and R.param are set to NULL or to values as specified for set.terms. The ... argument can be used to pass G.param and/or R.param, provided update is FALSE and set.terms is NULL.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
newfit(asreml.obj, fixed., random., sparse.,
    residual., rcov., update = TRUE, trace = FALSE,
    allow.unconverged = TRUE, allow.fixedcorrelation = TRUE,
    keep.order = TRUE,
    set.terms = NULL, ignore.suffices = TRUE,
    bounds = "P", initial.values = NA, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

asreml.obj A valid asreml object with a component named call (from a previous call to either asreml or update.asreml).

fixed. A character or formula specifying changes to the fixed formula. This is a twosided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the fixed component of asreml.obj\$call. If changes are specified, the fixed terms will be reordered so that single-variable terms come first, followed by two-variable terms

and so on.

random. A character or formula specifying changes to the random formula. This is a one-

sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the random

component of asreml.obj\$call.

A character or formula specifying changes to the sparse formula. This is a onesparse.

sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the sparse

component of asreml.obj\$call.

A character or formula specifying changes to the error formula, used when verresidual.

sion 4 or later of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is substituted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

rcov. A character or formula specifying changes to the error formula, used when version 3 of ASReml-R is loaded. This is a one-sided formula where "." is substi-

tuted for existing components in the residual component of asreml.obj\$call.

A logical indicating whether to use the variance parameter estimates in fitting a update

new model using newfit.asreml. If update is TRUE and set.terms is NULL, the call stored in the asreml.obj is evaluated using the variance parameter estimates stored in R. param and G. param, as well as the changes specified in the arguments to newfit.asreml. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then the use of previous values of the variance parameters as initial values is not enforced;

G. param and R. param are set to NULL or to values as specified for set. terms.

trace A logical that control output from ASReml-R. If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no

output is displayed.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit does not converge, the supplied asreml.obj is

returned.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied as reml. obj is returned. The fit in the supplied the asreml.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both

fixed correlations are found in it and allow. fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

A logical value indicating whether the terms should keep their positions. If FALSE the terms are reordered so that main effects come first, followed by the interactions, all second-order, all third-order and so on. Effects of a given order

are kept in the order specified.

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters

component of the new asreml.obj.

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ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

additional arguments to the call, or arguments with changed values.

#### Value

An asreml object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2. VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

# See Also

```
convAsremlobj.asreml, update.asreml, setvarianceterms.call
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    m2.asreml <- newfit(m1.asreml, random. = "~ . - Blocks:Plots", maxiter=75)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

num.recode

Recodes the unique values of a vector using the values in a new vector.

# **Description**

Recodes the unique values of a variate using the value in position i of the new.values vector to replace the ith sorted unique values of x. The new levels do not have to be unique.

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#### Usage

```
num.recode(x, new.values)
```

# **Arguments**

x The vector to be recoded.

new.values A vector of length unique(x) containing values to use in the recoding.

## Value

A vector.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
dae::fac.recast.
```

# **Examples**

```
## set up a factor with labels
x <- rep(c(-42, -14, 14, 42), 4)

## recode x
b <- num.recode(x, c(0, 28, 56, 84))</pre>
```

Oats.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate nitrogen response of 3 oats varieties

# **Description**

Yates (1937) describes a split-plot experiment that investigates the effects of three varieties of oats and four levels of Nitrogen fertilizer. The varieties are assigned to the main plots using a randomized complete block design with 6 blocks and the nitrogen levels are randomly assigned to the subplots in each main plot.

The columns in the data frame are: Blocks, Wplots, Subplots, Variety, Nitrogen, xNitrogen, Yield. The column xNitrogen is a numeric version of the factor Nitrogen. The response variable is Yield.

# Usage

```
data(Oats.dat)
```

## **Format**

A data frame containing 72 observations of 7 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### Source

Yates, F. (1937). The Design and Analysis of Factorial Experiments. *Imperial Bureau of Soil Science, Technical Communication*, **35**, 1-95.

```
pairdiffsTransform.alldiffs
```

Calculates the differences between nominated pairs of predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

# **Description**

Predictions of differences and their error intervals are formed for two levels of a factor, the pairs.factor. For each pair of a level of the pairs.factor in numerator.levels with a level in denominator.levels, an alldiffs.object is formed that contains the differences between predictions with this pair of levels for all of the combinations of the levels of the other factors in the classify of the alldiffs.object. These prediction differences are obtained using linTransform by forming a suitable contrast matrix to specify the linear.transformation. This function has the advantage that the factors indexing the differences are included in the components of the alldiffs.objects.

If pairwise = TRUE, all pairwise differences between the linear transforms of the predictions, their standard errors, p-values and LSD statistics are computed as using allDifferences.data.frame. This adds them to the alldiffs.object as additional list components named differences, sed, p.differences and LSD.

The printing of the components produced is controlled by the tables argument. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

# Usage

# Arguments

alldiffs.obj	An alldiffs.object.
pairs.factor	A character string giving the name of the factor for whose levels the differences are to be calculated.
first.levels	A character string containing the levels of the pairs.factor whose predictions are those subtracted from.
second.levels	A character string containing the levels of the pairs.factor whose predictions are those that are subtracted.
Vmatrix	A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If the LSD is zero, as can happen when predictions are constrained to be equal, then the limits of the error intervals are set to NA. If LSDtype is set to overall, the avsed tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals.

#### avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. To have it ignored, set it to NA. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed. tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by LSDtype are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of LSDtype, if avsed. tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If LSDtype is set to overall, avsed.tolerance is not NA, and avsed.tolerance is exceeded then error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 4. If LSDtype is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 5. If LSDtype is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

## accuracy.threshold

A numeric specifying the value of the LSD accuracy measure, which measure is specified by LSDaccuracy, as a threshold value in determining whether the hallfLeastSignificant error.interval for a predicted value is a reasonable approximation; this will be the case if the LSDs across all pairwise comparisons for which the interval's LSD was computed, as specified by LSDtype and LSDby, are similar enough to the interval's LSD, as measured by LSDaccuracy. If it is NA, it will be ignored. If it is not NA, a column of logicals named LSDwarning will be added to the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. The value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be TRUE if the value of the LSDaccuracy measure computed from the LSDs for differences between this predicted.value and the other predicted.values as compared to its assignedLSD exceeds the value of accuracy.threshold. Otherwise, the value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be FALSE.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise

comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD. frame stored in an alldiffs. object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data. frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assigned LSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD. frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD. frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD. frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

 $A \ character \ nominating \ one \ of \ maxAbsDeviation, \ maxDeviation, \ q90Deviation$ or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

response

A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

tables	A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.
pairwise	A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.
alpha	A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.
	further arguments passed to linTransform.alldiffs.

#### Value

A list of alldiffs.objects with a component for each combination of a first.levels with a second.levels. The name of a component will be a level from first.levels combined with a level from second.levels, separated by a comma. If the predictions in the supplied alldiffs.object are based on a response that was transformed, each alldiffs.object in the list will include a backtransforms component that contains a column labelled backtransformed.predictions, along with the backtransforms of the nominated error.intervals. The predictions and backtransforms components in an alldiffs.object will be indexed by the variables in the classify of alldiffs.obj, except that the pairs.factor is omitted. If the transformation was the logarithmic transformation, these backtransformed.predictions are predicted ratios of the untransformed response.

If sortFactor attribute is set and is not the ratio.factor, the predictions and, if present, their backtransforms will be sorted using the sortOrder attribute of the alldiffs.object, and both sortFactor and sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
linTransform, ratioTransform, predictPlus.asreml, as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

#### **Examples**

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```
m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                  random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                  data=Oats.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
Var.diffs <- predictPlus(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety", pairwise = TRUE,</pre>
                          Vmatrix = TRUE, error.intervals = "halfLeast",
                          LSDtype = "factor", LSDby = "Variety",
                          wald.tab = wald.tab)
## End(Not run)
 ## Use 1me4 and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                                data=Oats.dat)
  ## Set up a wald.tab
  int <- as.data.frame(rbind(rep(NA,4)))</pre>
  rownames(int) <- "(Intercept)"</pre>
  wald.tab <- anova(m1.lmer, ddf = "Kenward", type = 1)[,3:6]</pre>
  names(wald.tab) <- names(int) <- c("Df", "denDF", "F.inc", "Pr")</pre>
  wald.tab <- rbind(int, wald.tab)</pre>
  #Get predictions
  Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
  Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
  ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                      se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
  Var.sed <- NULL
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Variety", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
  #Create alldiffs object
  Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                             sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov,
                          classify = "Nitrogen:Variety", response = "Yield", tdf = den.df)
}
if (exists("Var.diffs"))
  Preds.diffs.OatsN <- pairdiffsTransform(alldiffs.obj = Var.diffs,</pre>
                                             pairs.factor = "Nitrogen",
                                             first.levels = c("0.2","0.4","0.6"),
                                        second.levels = "0", error.intervals = "halfLeast",
                                             tables = "none")
```

 $\verb"permute.square"$ 

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

# Description

Permutes the rows and columns of a square matrix.

#### Usage

```
permute.square(x, permutation)
```

# **Arguments**

A square matrix.

permutation A vector specifying the new order of rows and columns.

# Value

A square matrix.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri
```

# **Examples**

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri
```

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower triangular elements are zero.

# **Description**

Permutes a square matrix until all the lower triangular elements are zero.

# Usage

```
permute.to.zero.lowertri(x)
```

# **Arguments**

x A square matrix of order n with at least n\*(n-1)/2 zero elements.

# Value

A square matrix.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
permute.square
```

#### **Examples**

```
pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs
```

Pick LSD statistics whose values minimize the number of errors in pairwise comparisons of predictions.

# Description

Given an alldiffs.object with an sed component, exploreLSDs.alldiffs is used to calculate the LSD values for each set of prediction comparisons specified by LSDtype and LSDby using each of the statistics minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 and maximum. Then the numbers of false positives and false negatives resulting from employing each of the calculated LSDs is obtained. For each set of comparisons, the LSD value(s) with the lowest number of false positives are identified and, from these, the smallest value with the lowest number of false negatives. That is, a conservative approach is taken to picking LSD values by putting the priority on avoiding false positives. Before using the LSDstatistics that this function suggests, the number of false positives and negatives generated by them should be checked. For example, it may be that there are too many false negatives and a better balance between the numbers of false positives and negatives can be identified using exploreLSDs.alldiffs,

# Usage

#### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj

An alldiffs.object.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall or factor.combinations. It determines whether the LSD values that are investigated and stored are (i) the overall minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum of all pairwise LSDs, or (ii) the minimum, quantile10, quantile25, mean, median, quantile75, quantile90, and maximum for the pairwise LSDs for each combination of the values of the factors and numerics named in LSDby, unless there is only one prediction for a combination, when notional LSDs are calculated. The LSDtype specified here does not have to match that used in the creating the alldiffs.object.

See LSD. frame for further information on how the LSD statistics are calculated.

LSDby A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors

or numerics in the classify; for each combination of the values the of the factors and numerics, the LSD errors are to be computed when LSDtype is factor.combinatons. The LSDby specified here does not have to match that

used in the creating the alldiffs.object.

alpha A numeric specifying the significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of

predictions.

digits A numeric specifying the number of significant digits to retain in rounding the

LSDs before determining the distinct rounded LSDs.

false.pos.wt When it is not NULL, it should be a numeric that specifies the weight (e.g. 3)

to apply to the number of false positives in calculating the weighted sums of the numbers of false positives and negatives in using different LSD statistics to compare pairs of predictions. The LSDstatistic that is chosen for making comparisons will be the one that minimizes the weighted sum. If it is NULL, the LSDstatistic will chosen as the one that minimizes the number of false

negatives from amongst those that minimize the number of false positives.

retain.zeroLSDs

A logical indicating whether to retain or omit LSDs that are zero when calcu-

lating the summaries of LSDs.

zero.tolerance A numeric specifying the value such that if an LSD is less than it, the LSD will

be considered to be zero.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

#### Value

A character of length one for LSDby set to overall or of length equal to the number of observed combinations of the values of the factors and numerics in LSDby. Each element of the returned character is one of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum, reflecting the value(s) of the LSD from amongst those calculated that minimizes the number of false positives; if there is more than one such value, then the element will be correspond to the value of the LSD from amongst those with the minimum number of false positives that minimizes the number of false negatives.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, exploreLSDs.alldiffs plotLSDs.data.frame, plotLSDs.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.data.frame, recalcLSD.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
```

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```
random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI"
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  ##Pick the LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
  LSDstat <- pickLSDstatistics(TS.diffs)
  TS.diffs <- redoErrorIntervals(TS.diffs, LSDstatistic = LSDstat)
  TS.diffs$LSD
  LSDstat <- pickLSDstatistics(TS.diffs, LSDtype = "factor.combinations",
                         LSDby = "Sources")
  TS.diffs <- redoErrorIntervals(TS.diffs, LSDtype = "factor.combinations",
                                 LSDby = "Sources", LSDstatistic = LSDstat)
  TS.diffs$LSD
}
```

plotLSDerrors.alldiffs

Plots a map of the errors that occur in using the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

# Description

Produces a plot of the errors that occur in using the computed LSD values for pairwise differences predictions by comparing the result obtained from using the LSDs stored in the assigned LSD col-

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umn of the LSD component of the alldiffs.object with those computed from the sed component using the t-value for the df stored in the tdf attribute of the alldiffs.object. The sed component is generally a matrix whose rows and columns are labelled by the levels of one or more factors, the set of labels being the same for rows and columns. The sections argument allows multiple plots to be produced, one for each combination of the levels of the factors listed in sections. Otherwise, a single plot is produced for all observed combinations of the levels of the factors in the classify attribute for the alldiffs.object. The plots are produced using plotLSDerrors.data.frame. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified using sort.alldiffs.

# Usage

```
plotLSDerrors(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
plotLSDerrors(object, alpha = 0.05, useIntervals = FALSE,
              sections = NULL, gridspacing = 0, factors.per.grid = 0,
              triangles = "both", title = NULL,
              axis.labels = TRUE, axis.text.size = 12,
              sep=",", colours = c("white","blue","red","grey"),
              ggplotFuncs = NULL, printPlot = TRUE,
              sortFactor = NULL, sortParallelToCombo = NULL,
              sortNestingFactor = NULL, sortOrder = NULL,
              decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object with both LSD and sed components that are not NULL.

alpha A numeric giving the significance level for the LSD.

useIntervals A logical indicating whether to use the interval limits stored in the predictions

component of object, instead of the LSDs stored in the LSD component, for determining whether pairs of predictions are significantly different. It allows a check of how the error intervals in the predictions component will perform if they are used for all pairwise predictions comparisons, whereas the comparisons to which the LSDs apply may be restricted by the setting of the LSDby attribute of object. There is no restriction on the error.intervals that can be used. However, the limits for them must be in columns in the predictions component of object and their names must end with .limits and begin with

lower. and upper.

A character listing the names of the factors that are to be used to break the plot sections into sections. A separate plot will be produced for each observed combination

of the levels of these factors.

A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in gridspacing

> the grid of differences. An alternative is to specify the factors.per.grid argument to have the grid spacings automatically calculated. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the

vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.

factors.per.grid

A numeric specifying the number of factors to include within each grid of differences. The gridspacing will then be computed based on the numbers of combinations observed within the levels of the remaining factors in a single plot. The gridspacing argument to this function will be ignored if factors.per.grid is greater than zero. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the

rows and columns of each plot.

A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or triangles

both triangle(s).

title A character string giving the main title for the plot and to which is appended

the levels combination of the sectioning factors, if any, for each plot.

A logical indicating whether a label is to be added to the x- and y-axes. If axis.labels

> TRUE, the label is the comma-separated list of factors whose levels combinations are involved in the prediction differences for which the LSD values are

calculated.

axis.text.size A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.

A character giving the characters separating the levels of different factors in

the row and column names of the sed component.

colours A vector of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale\\_colour\\_gradientn.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

> tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to ggplot via plotLSDerrors.data.frame to be

applied in creating the ggplot object.

A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be printPlot

used when just the returned data. frame is required.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of pre-

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is

determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

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The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].

A logical passed to order that detemines whether the order for sorting the alldiffs.object components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

### Value

A list with components named LSDresults and plots. The LSDresults component contains the data.frame with the columns Rows, Columns, LSDresults, sections1 and sections2. This data.frame is formed using the LSD and sed components of object and is used by plotLSDerrors.data.frame in producing the plots. The plots component contains a list of ggplot objects, one for each plot produced. Multiple plots are stored in the plots component if the sections argument is set and the plots are are named for the levels combinations of the sections.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

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#### See Also

```
plotLSDerrors.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.data.frame, plotLSDs.data.frame, exploreLSDs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, ggplot
```

# **Examples**

```
##Subset WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18" & Benches != "3")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
   requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
```

```
TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  plotLSDerrors(TS.diffs, gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)))
  plotLSDerrors(TS.diffs, sections = "Sources", axis.labels = TRUE)
}
```

plotLSDerrors.data.frame

Plots a map of the supplied errors that occur in using the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

# **Description**

Produces a plot of the errors that have been supplied in a data.frame. The data.frame includes two factors whose levels specify, for each LSD result, which combinations of factor levels are being compared. The function plotLSDerrors.alldiffs produces such data.frames.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

object A data.frame containing the three columns specified by LSDresults, x and y.

LSDresults A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the LSDresults values to be plotted. The column should be a character or factor with values or levels that are a subset of Ok,FN, FP and na.

A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the factor whose levels index the LSD values that are to be plotted in the same column.

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y A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the labels

of the LSD values that are to be plotted as the rows.

alpha A numeric giving the significance level for the LSD.

triangles A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or

both triangle(s). Here it is only used to adjust gridlines for the omission of the

diagonal.

gridspacing A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in

the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is

specified by the elements of the vector.

title A character string giving the main title for the plot.

axis.labels A character string giving the label to use for both the x- and y-axis. axis.text.size A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.

colours A vector of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale\\_colour\\_gradientn.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. These functions are applied in creating the ggplot object.

printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be

used when just the returned ggplot object is required.

... Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

#### Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print or otherwise manipulated.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
plotLSDs.data.frame, plotLSDs.alldiffs, exploreLSDs, ggplot
```

# **Examples**

```
asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
{
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                              vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  LSDresults <- within(reshape2::melt(TS.diffs$p.differences),
                      Var1 <- factor(Var1, levels=dimnames(TS.diffs$p.differences)[[1]])</pre>
                        Var2 <- factor(Var2, levels=levels(Var1))</pre>
                      })
  names(LSDresults) <- c("Rows", "Columns", "LSDresults")</pre>
 plotLSDerrors(LSDresults, x = "Rows", y = "Columns", gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)))
}
```

plotLSDs.alldiffs

Plots a heat map of computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions.

# **Description**

Produces a heat-map plot of the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions by multiplying the values stored in the sed component of an alldiffs object by the t-value for the df stored in the tdf attribute of the object. This component is generally a matrix whose rows and columns are labelled by the levels of one or more factors, the set of labels being the same for rows and columns. The sections argument allows multiple plots to be produced, one for each combination of the levels of the factors listed in sections. Otherwise, a single plot is produced for all observed combinations of the levels of the factors in the classify attribute for the

alldiffs.object. The plots are produced using plotLSDs.data.frame. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified using sort.alldiffs.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

object An alldiffs.object with an sed component that is not NULL.

alpha A numeric giving the significance level for the LSD.

sections A character listing the names of the factors that are to be used to break the plot

into sections. A separate plot will be produced for each observed combination

of the levels of these factors.

gridspacing A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in

the grid of differences. An alternative is to specify the factors.per.grid argument to have the grid spacings automatically calculated. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.

factors.per.grid

A numeric specifying the number of factors to include within each grid of differences. The gridspacing will then be computed based on the numbers of combinations observed within the levels of the remaining factors in a single plot. The gridspacing argument to this function will be ignored if factors.per.grid is greater than zero. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the

rows and columns of each plot.

triangles A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or

both triangle(s).

title A character string giving the main title for the plot and to which is appended

the levels combination of the sectioning factors, if any, for each plot.

axis.labels A logical indicating whether a label is to be added to the x- and y-axes. If

TRUE, the label is the comma-separated list of factors whose levels combinations are involved in the prediction differences for which the LSD values are

calculated.

axis.text.size A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.

sep A character giving the characters separating the levels of different factors in

the row and column names of the sed component.

colours A vector of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale\\_colour\\_gradientn.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

> tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to ggplot via plotLSDs.data.frame to be applied

in creating the ggplot object.

printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be

used when just the returned data. frame is required.

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of presortFactor

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only

one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortOrder

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].

decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the

alldiffs.object components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the

predicted values.

Provision for passsing arguments to functions called internally - not used at

present.

## Value

A list with components named LSDs and plots. The LSDs component contains the data.frame with the columns Rows, Columns, LSDs, sections1 and sections2. This data.frame is formed using the sed component of object and is used by plotLSDs.data.frame in producing the plot. The plots component contains a list of ggplot objects, one for each plot produced. Multiple plots are stored in the plots component if the sections argument is set and the plots are are named for the levels combinations of the sections.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

plotLSDs.data.frame, exploreLSDs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, ggplot

# **Examples**

```
##Subset WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18" & Benches != "3")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  plotLSDs(TS.diffs, gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)))
```

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```
plotLSDs(TS.diffs, sections = "Sources", axis.labels = TRUE)
```

plotLSDs.data.frame

Plots a heat map of computed LSD-values for pairwise differences between predictions.

# Description

}

Produces a heat-map plot of the computed LSD values for pairwise differences between predictions that are stored in a data.frame. The data.frame includes two factors whose levels specify, for each LSD value, which combinations of factor levels are being compared.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

object	A data.frame containing the three columns specified by LSD, x and y.
LSD	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the LSD values to be plotted.
X	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the factor whose levels index the LSD values that are to be plotted in the same column.
У	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the labels of the LSD values that are to be plotted as the rows.
alpha	A numeric giving the significance level for the LSD.
triangles	A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or both triangle(s). Here it is only used to adjust gridlines for the omission of the diagonal.
gridspacing	A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, <i>k</i> say, is given then a grid line is placed after every <i>k</i> th row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.
title	A character string giving the main title for the plot.
axis.labels	A character string giving the label to use for both the x- and y-axis.
axis.text.size	A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.
colours	A vector of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale $\c$ olour $\gradientn$ .
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. These functions are applied in creating the ggplot object.

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printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be used when just the returned ggplot object is required.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print or otherwise manipulated.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
plotLSDs.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.alldiffs, plotLSDerrors.data.frame, exploreLSDs, ggplot
```

# **Examples**

```
##Subset WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp))
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
{
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
```

plotPredictions.data.frame

Plots the predictions for a term, possibly with error bars.

# **Description**

This function plots the predictions y that are based on classify and stored in the data.frame data. The package ggplot2 is used to produce the plots. Line plots are produced when variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions; otherwise, bar charts are produced. Further, for line charts, the argument panels determines whether a single plot or multiple plots in a single window are produced; for bar charts, the argument panels is ignored.

# Usage

### **Arguments**

data

A predictions.frame, or data.frame, containing the values of the variables to be plotted. Generally, it should contain the variables classifying the predictions and include a column with the name specified in the y argument, usually predicted.value or backtransformed.predictions; each row contains a single predicted value. It should also include columns for the standard.error and est.status. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classifying variables. While such a data.frame can be constructed from the beginning, the pvals component of the value produced by predict.asreml is a suitable value to supply for this argument. Note that the

names standard.error and est. status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data. frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component should contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval with names that begin with lower and upper, respectively. The second part of the name must be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant. The last part needs to be consistent between the lower and upper limits.

classify

A character string giving the combinations of the independent variables on which the predictions are based. It is an interaction type term formed from the independent variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. To predict the overall mean, set the classify to "(Intercept)".

У

A character string giving the name of the variable that is to be plotted on the Y

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and (ii) is the x-axis variable for plots. Its values will not be converted to a factor.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to x.num, is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and which corresponds to the xaxis variable. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x. num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as. Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also set.

nonx.fac.order A character vector giving the order in which factors other than x.fac are to be plotted in faceted plots (i.e. where the number of non x factors is greater than 1). The first factor in the vector will be plotted on the X axis (if there is no x. num or x.fac. Otherwise, the order of plotting the factors is in columns (X facets) and then rows (Y facets). By default the order is in decreasing order for the numbers of levels of the non x factors.

colour.scheme

A character string specifying the colour scheme for the plots. The default is "colour" which produces coloured lines and bars, a grey background and white gridlines. A value of "black" results in black lines, grey bars and gridlines and a white background.

panels

Possible values are "single" and "multiple". When line plots are to be produced, because variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions, panels determines whether or not a single panel or multiple panels in a single window are produced. The panels argument is ignored for bar charts.

graphics.device

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the current graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a windows graphics device being opened.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to plot in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". Here, any option other than "none" will result in the interval limits contained in data being plotted.

interval.annotate

A logical indicating whether the plot annotation indicating the type of error.interval

is to be included in the plot.

titles A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data.frame

for the <code>asreml.obj</code> used in making the predictions and contains a character <code>string</code> giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for axis labels for nonresponse variables. For response variable labels see

y.title.

y. title The title to be displayed on the y axis of any plot.

filestem A character sting giving the beginning of the name of the file in which to save

the plot. If filestem = NULL, the plot is not saved. The remainder of the file name will be generated automatically and consists of the following elements separated by full stops: the classify term, Bar or Line and, if error.intervals is not "none", one of SE, CI or LSI. The file will be saved as a 'png' file in the

current work directory.

printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be

used when just the returned ggplot object is required.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. These functions are applied in creating the ggplot object for

plotting.

... further arguments passed to ggplot.

### Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print or otherwise manipulated.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
allDifferences.data.frame, predictPresent.asreml, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, ggplot, Devices
```

# **Examples**

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```
predictions <- predict(current.asr, classify="Species:Date:xDay",</pre>
                        parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                        present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#### for asreml-R3
predictions <- predictions$predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$est.status == "Estimable",]</pre>
#### for asreml-R4
predictions <- predictions$pvals</pre>
predictions <- predictions[predictions$status == "Estimable",]</pre>
#### end
plotPredictions(classify="Species:Date:xDay", y = "predicted.value",
                data = predictions,
                x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                x.title = "Days since first observation",
                y.title = "Predicted log(Turbidity)",
                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                error.intervals = "none",
                ggplotFuncs = list(ggtitle("Transformed turbidity over time")))
diffs <- predictPlus(classify="Species:Date:xDay",</pre>
                      present=c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                      asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                      x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                      parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                      x.plot.values=c(0,28,56,84),
                      wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab)
x.title <- "Days since first observation"</pre>
names(x.title) <- "xDay"</pre>
plotPredictions(classify="Species:Date:xDay", y = "predicted.value",
               data = diffs$predictions,
               x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
               titles = x.title,
               y.title = "Predicted log(Turbidity)")
## End(Not run)
## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  data(Ladybird.dat)
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(logitP ~ Host*Cadavers*Ladybird + (1|Run),</pre>
                             data=Ladybird.dat)
  HCL.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Host:Cadavers:Ladybird)</pre>
  HCL.preds <- summary(HCL.emm)</pre>
  den.df <- min(HCL.preds$df)</pre>
  ## Modify HCL.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  HCL.preds <- as.predictions.frame(HCL.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                     interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Plot the predictions
 plotPredictions(HCL.preds, y = "predicted.value", "Host:Cadavers:Ladybird")
```

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plotPvalues.alldiffs Plots a heat map of p-values for pairwise differences between predictions.

# **Description**

Produces a heat-map plot of the p-values for pairwise differences between predictions that is stored in the p.differences component of an all.diffs object. This is generally a matrix whose rows and columns are labelled by the levels of one or more factors, the set of labels being the same for rows and columns. The sections argument allows multiple plots to be produced, one for each combination of the levels of the factors listed in sections. Otherwise, a single plot is produced for all observed combinations of the levels of the factors in the classify for the alldiffs.object. The plots are produced using plotPvalues.data.frame. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified using sort.alldiffs.

### Usage

#### **Arguments**

object

An alldiffs.object with a p. differences component that is not NULL.

sections

A character listing the names of the factors that are to be used to break the plot into sections. A separate plot will be produced for each observed combination of the levels of these factors.

gridspacing

A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in the grid of differences. An alternative is to specify the factors.per.grid argument to have the grid spacings automatically calculated. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, k say, is given then a grid line is placed after every kth row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.

factors.per.grid

A numeric specifying the number of factors to include within each grid of differences. The gridspacing will then be computed based on the numbers of combinations observed within the levels of the remaining factors in a single plot. The gridspacing argument to this function will be ignored if factors.per.grid is greater than zero. Grids are most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns of each plot.

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show.sig A logical that specifies whether asterisks indicating the level of significance are to be added to the plot. If they are then '\*\*\*' indicates that  $p \leq 0.001$ , '\*\*' that 0.001 , '\*' that <math>0.01 '.' that <math>0.05 . The last is only included for alpha = 0.10.

A numeric giving the significance level for testing pairwise differences; must

pha A numeric giving the significance level for testing pairwise differences; must be 0.05 or 0.10.

A numeric specifying the size, in pts, of the significance asterisks.

sig.colour A character specifying the colour to use for the significance asterisks.

sig.face A character specifying the font face for the significance asterisks ("plain",

"italic", "bold", "bold.italic").

sig.family A character specifying the font family for the significance asterisks. The font

families that are available depends on the system. For font families other than

the basic Postscript fonts, see the extrafont package.

triangles A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or

both traingle(s).

title A character string giving the main title for the plot and to which is appended

the levels combination of the sectioning factors, if any, for each plot.

axis.labels A logical indicating whether a label is to be added to the x- and y-axes. If

TRUE, the label is the comma-separated list of factors whose levels combinations are involved in the prediction differences for which the p-values are calcu-

lated.

sig.size

axis.text.size A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.

sep A character giving the characters separating the levels of different factors in

the row and column names of the p. differences component.

colours A vector of of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale\\_colour\\_gradientn.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot func-

tion. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to ggplot via plotPvalues.data.frame to be ap-

plied in creating the ggplot object.

printPlot A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be

used when just the returned data. frame is required.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of pre-

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is

determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the

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other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

### sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].

decreasing

A logical passed to order that determines whether the order for sorting the alldiffs.object components is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

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Provision for passsing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

### Value

A list with components named pvalues and plots. The pvalues component contains the data. frame with the columns Rows, Columns, p, sections1 and sections2. This data. frame is formed using the sed component of object and is used by plotPvalues.data.frame in producing the plot. The plots component contains a list of ggplot objects, one for each plot produced. Multiple plots are stored in the plots component if the sections argument is set and the plots are are named for the levels combinations of the sections.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
plotPvalues.data.frame, allDifferences.data.frame, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs,
ggplot
```

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```
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  plotPvalues(TS.diffs, gridspacing = rep(c(3,4), c(4,2)), show.sig = TRUE)
  plotPvalues(TS.diffs, sections = "Sources", show.sig = TRUE, axis.labels = TRUE)
}
```

plotPvalues.data.frame

Plots a heat map of p-values for pairwise differences between predictions.

#### **Description**

Produces a heat-map plot of the p-values for pairwise differences between predictions that is in a data.frame. The data.frame includes two factors whose levels specify, for each p-value, which factor levels are being compared.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
plotPvalues(object, p = "p", x, y,
```

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```
gridspacing = 0, show.sig = FALSE, alpha = 0.10,
sig.size = 3, sig.colour = "black",
sig.face = "plain", sig.family = "",
triangles = "both",
title = NULL, axis.labels = NULL, axis.text.size = 12,
colours = RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(3, "Set2"),
ggplotFuncs = NULL, printPlot = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

rguments	
object	A data. frame containing the three columns specified by p, x and y.
р	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the p-values to be plotted.
X	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the factor whose levels index the p-values that are to be plotted in the same column.
У	A character giving the name of the column in object that contains the labels of the p-values that are to be plotted as the rows.
gridspacing	A numeric specifying the number(s) of rows and columns that form groups in the grid of differences. This is most useful when two or more factors index the rows and columns. If a single, nonzero number, $k$ say, is given then a grid line is placed after every $k$ th row and column. If a vector of values is given then the number of grid lines is the length of the vector and the spacing between each is specified by the elements of the vector.
show.sig	A logical that specifies whether asterisks indicating the level of significance are to be added to the plot. If they are then '***' indicates that $p \leq 0.001$ , '**' that $0.001 , '*' that 0.01  '.' that 0.05 . The last is only included for alpha = 0.10.$
alpha	A numeric giving the significance level for testing pairwise differences; must be 0.05 or 0.10.
sig.size	A numeric specifying the size, in pts, of the significance asterisks.
sig.colour	A character specifying the colour to use for the significance asterisks.
sig.face	A character specifying the font face for the significance asterisks ("plain", "italic", "bold", "bold.italic").
sig.family	A character specifying the font family for the significance asterisks. The font families that are available depends on the system. For font families other than the basic Postscript fonts, see the extrafont package.
triangles	A character indicating whether the plot should include the lower, upper or both traingle(s). Here it is only used to adjust gridlines for the omission of the diagonal.
title	A character string giving the main title for the plot.
axis.labels	A character string giving the label to use for both the x- and y-axis.
axis.text.size	A numeric giving the size of the labels on the axes of the heatmap.
colours	A vector of of colours to be passed to the ggplot function scale \_colour\_gradientn.
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. These functions are applied in creating the ggplot object.
printPlot	A logical indicating whether or not the a plot is to be printed. This would be used when just the returned ggplot object is required.
• • •	Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print or otherwise manipulated.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
plotPvalues.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, ggplot
```

```
##Subset WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp))
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
SS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                               asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                               wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                               present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI";
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
```

plotVariofaces.data.frame

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, from supplied residuals as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

### **Description**

Produces a plot for each face of an empirical 2D variogram based on supplied residuals from both an observed data set and simulated data sets. Those from simulated data sets are used to produce confidence envelopes If the data consists of sections, such as separate experiments, the two variogram faces are produced for each section. This function is less efficient in storage terms than variofaces.asreml, because here the residuals from all simulated data sets must be saved, in addition to the values for the variogram faces; in variofaces.asreml, the residuals for each simulated data set are discarded after the variogram has been calculated. On the other hand, the present function is more flexible, because there is no restriction on how the residuals are obtained.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
plotVariofaces(data, residuals, restype="Residuals", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

data	A data.frame with either 3 or 4 columns. Only if there are 4 columns, the first should be a factor indexing sections for which separate variogram plots are to be produced. In either case, the other 3 columns should be, in order, (i) a factor indexing the x-direction, (ii) a factor indexing the y-direction, and (iii) the residuals for the observed response.
residuals	A data.frame, with either 2 or 3 initial columns followed by columns, each of which are the residuals from a simulated data set.
restype	A character describing the type of residuals that have been supplied. It will be used in the plot titles.
	Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml.variogram.

### **Details**

For each set of residuals, asreml.variogram is used to obtain the empirical variogram, from which the values for its faces are obtained. Plots are produced for each face and include the observed residuals and the 2.5%, 50% & 97.5% quantiles.

#### Value

A list with the following components:

- 1. **face1:** a data. frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the first dimension is based.
- 2. **face2:** a data.frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the second dimension is based.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Stefanova, K. T., Smith, A. B. & Cullis, B. R. (2009) Enhanced diagnostics for the spatial analysis of field trials. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, **14**, 392–410.

### See Also

asremlPlus-package, asreml, asreml.variogram, variofaces.asreml, simulate.asreml.

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2</pre>
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
  gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
  mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
V <- s2*V
#Produce variogram faces plot (Stefanaova et al, 2009)
resid <- simulate(current.asr, V=V, which="residuals")</pre>
resid$residuals <- cbind(resid$observed[c("Row", "Column")],</pre>
                           resid$residuals)
plotVariofaces(data=resid$observed[c("Row","Column","residuals")],
                residuals=resid$residuals,
                restype="Standardized conditional residuals")
## End(Not run)
```

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powerTransform	Performs a combination of a linear and a power transformation on a variable. The transformed variable is stored in the data. frame data.
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## **Description**

Perform a combination of a linear and a power transformation on a variable whose name is given as a character string in var.name. The transformed variable is stored in the data. frame data. The name of the transformed variable is made by prepending to the original var.name a combination of (i).offset, if offset is nonzero, (ii) neg., if scale is -1, or scaled., if abs(scale) is other than one, and (iii) either log., sqrt., recip. or power., if power is other than one. No action is taken if there is no transformation (i.e. offset = 0, scale = 1 and power = 1). Also, the titles list is extended to include a component with a generated title for the transformed variable with text indicating the transformation prepended to the title for the var.name obtained from the titles list. For nonzero offset, 'Offset' is prepended, For scaled not equal to one, the possible prepends are 'Negative of' and 'Scaled'. The possible prepended texts for power not equal to one are 'Logarithm of', 'Square root of', 'Reciprocal of' and 'Power nnnn of', where nnn is the power used.

## Usage

powerTransform(var.name, power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1, titles = NULL, data)

### **Arguments**

var.name	$\boldsymbol{A}$ character string specifying the name of the variable in the data.frame data that is to be transformed.
power	A number specifying the power to be used in the transformation. If equal to 1, the default, no power transformation is applied. Otherwise, the variable is raised to the specified power, after scaling and applying any nonzero offset. If power = 0, the natural logarithm is used to transform the response; however, if the smallest value to be log-transformed is less than 1e-04, an error is generated. A log-transformation in this situation may be possible if a nonzero offset and/or a scale not equal to one is used.
offset	A number to be added to each value of the variable, after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.
scale	A number to multiply each value of the variable, before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.
titles	A character vector, each element of which is named for a variable in data and is a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs) involving the variable. If titles are not supplied, the column name of the variable in data is used.
data	A data. frame containing the variable to be transformed and to which the transformed variable is to be appended.

## Value

A list with a component named data that is the data.frame containing the transformed variable, a component named tvar.name that is a character string that is the name of the transformed variable in data, and a component named titles that extends the list supplied in the titles

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argument to include a generated title for the transformed title, the name of the new component being tvar.name.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
angular, angular.mod.
```

## **Examples**

predictions.frame

Description of a predictions object

### **Description**

 $A \ \mathsf{data.frame} \ of \ S3\text{-}class \ \mathsf{predictions.frame} \ \mathsf{that} \ \mathsf{stores} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{predictions} \ \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{fitted} \ \mathsf{model}.$ 

as.predictions.frame is function that converts a data.frame to an object of this class.

is.predictions.frame is the membership function for this class; it tests that an object has class predictions.frame.

validPredictionsFrame can be used to test the validity of a predictions.frame.

### Value

A data.frame that begins with the variables classifying the predictions, in the same order as in the classify, followed by a column of predictions that is named either predicted.value or backtransformed.predictions; it also contains columns named standard.error and est.status. The number of rows should equal the number of unique combinations of the classifying variables. While such a data.frame can be constructed from the beginning, the pvals component of the value produced by predict.asreml is a suitable value to supply for this argument. Note that the names standard.error and est.status have been changed to std.error and status in the pvals component produced by asreml-R4; if the new names are in the data.frame supplied to predictions, they will be returned to the previous names.

The data. frame may also include columns for the lower and upper values of error intervals, either standard error, confidence or half-LSD intervals. The names of these columns will consist of three

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parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

IF accuracy. threshold is set to a numeric value at the time the prediction. frame is formed, it will also include a column logical values named LSDwarning.

When halfLeastSignificant limits have been included in a predictions.frame, its attributes will include those that are not NULL of LSDtype, LSDby, LSDstatistic, LSDaccuracy and LSDvalues. LSDvalues are the LSD values used to calculate the halfLeastSignificant error.intervals and are an expanded version of the values stored in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame.

See predictPlus.asreml for more information.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

predictPlus.asreml, is.predictions.frame, as.predictions.frame, validPredictionsFrame

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                   random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                      est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Check the class and validity of the alldiffs object
```

```
is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
validPredictionsFrame(Var.preds)
}
```

predictPlus.asreml

Forms the predictions for a term, their pairwise differences and associated statistics. A factor having parallel values may occur in the model and a linear transformation of the predictions can be specified. It results in an object of class all difffs.

# Description

This function forms the predictions for term using classify and the supplied asreml object and stores them in an alldiffs.object. If x.num is supplied, the predictions will be obtained for the values supplied in x.pred.values and, if supplied, x.plot.values will replace them in the alldiffs.object that is returned. If x.fac, but not x.num, is specified, predictions will involve it and, if supplied, x.plot.values will replace the levels of x.fac in the alldiffs.object that is returned. In order to get the correct predictions you may need to supply additional arguments to predict.asreml through . . . e.g. present, parallel, levels. Any aliased predictions will be removed, as will any standard error of pairwise differences involving them.

Also calculated are the approximate degrees of freedom of the standard errors of the predictions. If the denominator degrees of freedom for term are available in wald.tab, they are used. Otherwise the residual degrees of freedom or the maximum of the denominator degrees in wald.tab, excluding the Intercept, are used. Which is used depends on the setting of dDF.na. These degrees of freedom are used for the t-distribution on which p-values and confidence intervals are based. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object. The degrees of freedom are also used in calculating the minimum, mean and maximum LSD for comparing pairs of predictions, which are also stored in the alldiffs.object.

If pairwise = TRUE, all pairwise differences between the predictions, their standard errors, p-values and LSD statistics are computed using allDifferences.data.frame. This adds them to the alldiffs.object as additional list components named differences, sed, p.differences and LSD.

If a linear transformation of the predictions is specified then the values of this linear transformation are returned, instead of the original predictions, along with their standard errors and the pairwise differences and associated statistics.

If a transformation has been applied in the analysis (any one of transform.power is not one, scale is not one and offset is nonzero), the backtransforms of the transformed values and their lower and upper error intervals are added to a data.frame that is consistent with the predictions data.frame. If transform.power is other than one, the standard.error column of the data.frame is set to NA. This data.frame is added to the alldiffs.object as a list component called backtransforms.

The printing of the components produced is controlled by the tables argument. The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asreml'
predictPlus(asreml.obj, classify, term = NULL,
```

```
inestimable.rm = TRUE, linear.transformation = NULL,
error.intervals = "Confidence", alpha = 0.05,
wald.tab = NULL, dDF.na = "residual", dDF.values = NULL,
pairwise = TRUE, Vmatrix = FALSE,
avsed.tolerance = 0.25, accuracy.threshold = NA,
LSDtype = "overall", LSDsupplied = NULL, LSDby = NULL,
LSDstatistic = "mean", LSDaccuracy = "maxAbsDeviation",
x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL,
x.pred.values = NULL, x.plot.values = NULL,
titles = NULL, tables = "all", level.length = NA,
transform.power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1,
transform.function = "identity",
sortFactor = NULL, sortParallelToCombo = NULL,
decreasing = FALSE, trace = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

asreml.obj asreml object for a fitted model.

classify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table to be predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. To predict the overall mean, set the classify to "(Intercept)".

term

A character string giving the variables that define the term that was fitted using asreml and that corresponds to classify. It only needs to be specified when it is different to classify; it is stored as an attribute of the alldiffs.object. It is likely to be needed when the fitted model includes terms that involve both a numeric covariate and a factor that parallel each other; the classify would include the covariate and the term would include the factor.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of a model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel does not have to involve variables in the classify, but the variables must be columns in the predictions component of alldiffs.obj and the space for the submodel must be a subspace of the space for the term specified by the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B. The submodel space corresponding to A + B is a subspace of the space A:B. In this case both the submodel and the classify involve only the factors A and B. To fit an intercept-only submodel, specify linear.transformation to be the formula ~1.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. It might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for a factor used to obtain the weighted average over that factor. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned.

error intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If the LSD is zero, as can happen when predictions are constrained to be equal, then the limits of the error intervals are set to NA. If LSDtype is set to overall, the avsed tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

wald.tab

A data.frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by a call to wald.asreml. The main use of it here is in determining the degrees of freedom for calculating confidence or half-LSD error.intervals and p-values, the latter to be stored in the p. differences component of the alldiffs.object that is created.

dDF.na

A character specifying the method to use to obtain approximate denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. Consistent with when no denDF are available, the default is "residual" and so the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used. If dDF.na = "none", no substitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

pairwise

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

Vmatrix

A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. To have it ignored, set it to NA. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

1. If avsed.tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by LSDtype are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.

- 2. Irrespective of the setting of LSDtype, if avsed.tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If LSDtype is set to overall, avsed.tolerance is not NA, and avsed.tolerance is exceeded then error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 4. If LSDtype is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- If LSDtype is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

accuracy.threshold

A numeric specifying the value of the LSD accuracy measure, which measure is specified by LSDaccuracy, as a threshold value in determining whether the hallfLeastSignificant error.interval for a predicted value is a reasonable approximation; this will be the case if the LSDs across all pairwise comparisons for which the interval's LSD was computed, as specified by LSDtype and LSDby, are similar enough to the interval's LSD, as measured by LSDaccuracy. If it is NA, it will be ignored. If it is not NA, a column of logicals named LSDwarning will be added to the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. The value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be TRUE if the value of the LSDaccuracy measure computed from the LSDs for differences between this predicted.value and the other predicted.values as compared to its assignedLSD exceeds the value of accuracy.threshold. Otherwise, the value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be FALSE.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data.frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assignedLSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds.

> (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD. frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD. frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD. frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

titles

A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data.frame for asreml. obj and contains a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for table headings.

tables

A character vector containing a combination of none, predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p.differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and (ii) is the x-axis variable for plots. Its values will not be converted to a factor.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x.num and (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x. num. The levels of x. fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x. num is also

x.pred.values

The values of x.num for which predicted values are required. If levels is set for passing to predict.asreml, x.pred.values is ignored. Note that while levels is an alternative to x.pred.values, x.pred.values allows more general setting of the levels to be predicted.

x.plot.values

The actual values to be plotted on the x axis. They are needed when values different to those in x.num are to be plotted or x.fac is to be plotted because there is no x. num term corresponding to the same term with x. fac.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables of pairwise differences and their p-values and standard errors.

transform.power

A numeric specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and stored in the backtransforms component of the alldiffs.object. The back-transformation raises the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform.power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential of the predictions is taken.

offset

A numeric that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation.

scale

A numeric by which each value of the response has been multiplied before adding any offset and applying any power transformation.

transform.function

A character giving the name of a function that specifies the scale on which the predicted values are defined. This may be the result of a transformation of the data using the function or the use of the function as a link function in the fitting of a generalized linear (mixed) model (GL(M)M). The possible transform. functions are identity, log, inverse, sqrt, logit, probit, and cloglog. The predicted.values and error.intervals, if not StandardError intervals, will be back-transformed using the inverse function of the transform. function. The standard.error column will be set to NA, unless (i) asreml returns columns named transformed.value and approx.se, as well as those called predicted.values and standard.error (such as when a GLM is fitted) and (ii) the values in transformed. value are equal to those obtained by backtransforming the predicted. values using the inverse function of the transform.function. Then, the approx.se values will be saved in the standard.error column of the backtransforms component of the returned alldiffs.obj. Also, the transformed.value and approx.se columns are removed from both the predictions and backtransforms components of the alldiffs.obj. Note that the values that end up in the standard errors column are approximate for the backtransformed values and are not used in calculating error.intervals.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

## sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in

parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only

one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

decreasing A logical passed to order that detemines whether the order for sorting the

 $components\ of\ the\ {\tt alldiffs.object}\ is\ for\ increasing\ or\ decreasing\ magnitude$ 

of the predicted values.

trace A logical that control output from ASReml-R. If TRUE then partial iteration

details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no

output is displayed.

... further arguments passed to predict.asreml.

### Value

For linear transformations set to NULL, an S3-class alldiffs.object with predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. Also, unless the sortFactor or sortOrder arguments are invoked, the rows of predictions component are ordered so that they are in standard order for the variables in the classify. That is, the values of the last variable change with every row, those of the second-last variable only change after all the values of the last variable have been traversed; in general, the values of a variable are the same for all the combinations of the values to the variables to its right in the classify. In addition, if necessary, the order of the columns of the variables in the predictions component are changed to match their order in the classify.

If transform.power or scale is not one or offset is not zero, it will contain a data.frame with the backtransformed linear transformation of the predictions. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, subtract the offset and then divide by the scale.

If error.intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval.

The name of the response, the response.title, the term, the classify, tdf, sortFactor and the sortOrder will be set as attributes to the object. Also, if error.intervals is "halfLeastSignificant", then those of LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic that are not NULL will be added as attributes of the object and of the predictions frame; additionally, LSDvalues will be added as attribute of the predictions frame, LSDvalues being the LSD values used in calculating the error.intervals. Note that the classify in an alldiffs.object is based on the variables indexing the predictions, which may differ from the classify used to obtain the original predictions (for example, when the alldiffs.objects stores a linear transformation of predictions.

For linear.transformations set to other than NULL, an alldiffs.object with the linear.transformation applied to the predictions and their standard errors and, depending on the settings of the arguments, all pairwise differences between the linearly transformed predictions, their standard errors and p-values and LSD statistics. (See also linTransform.alldiffs.)

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
alldiffs.object, as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, linTransform.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, exploreLSDs.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

### **Examples**

predictPresent.asreml Forms the predictions for each of one or more terms and presents them in tables and/or graphs.

## Description

This function forms the predictions for each term in terms using a supplied asreml object and predictPlus.asreml. Tables are produced using predictPlus.asreml, in conjunction with allDifferences.data.frame, with the argument tables specifying which tables are printed. The argument plots, along with transform.power, controls which plots are produced. The plots are produced using plotPredictions.data.frame, with line plots produced when variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions and bar charts otherwise. In order to get the correct predictions you may need to supply additional arguments to predict.asreml through . . . e.g. present, parallel, levels.

The order of plotting the levels of one of the factors indexing the predictions can be modified and is achieved using sort.alldiffs.

### Usage

```
LSDtype = "overall", LSDsupplied = NULL, LSDby = NULL,
LSDstatistic = "mean", LSDaccuracy = "maxAbsDeviation",
x.num = NULL, x.fac = NULL, nonx.fac.order = NULL,
x.pred.values = NULL, x.plot.values = NULL,
plots = "predictions", panels = "multiple",
graphics.device = NULL, interval.annotate = TRUE,
titles = NULL, colour.scheme = "colour", save.plots = FALSE,
transform.power = 1, offset = 0, scale = 1,
transform.function = "identity",
tables = "all", level.length = NA,
sortFactor = NULL, sortParallelToCombo = NULL,
sortNestingFactor = NULL, sortOrder = NULL,
decreasing = FALSE,
trace = FALSE, ggplotFuncs = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

asreml.obj asreml object for a fitted model.

terms A character vector giving the terms for which predictions are required.

inestimable.rm A logical indicating whether rows for predictions that are not estimable are to be removed from the components of the alldiffs.object.

linear.transformation

A formula or a matrix. If a formula is given then it is taken to be a submodel of a model term corresponding to the classify. The projection matrix that transforms the predictions so that they conform to the submodel is obtained; the submodel does not have to involve variables in the classify, but the variables must be columns in the predictions component of alldiffs.obj and the space for the submodel must be a subspace of the space for the term specified by the classify. For example, for classify set to "A:B", the submodel ~ A + B will result in the predictions for the combinations of A and B being made additive for the factors A and B. The submodel space corresponding to A + B is a subspace of the space A:B. In this case both the submodel and the classify involve only the factors A and B. To fit an intercept-only submodel, specify linear.transformation to be the formula ~1.

If a matrix is provided then it will be used to apply the linear transformation to the predictions. It might be a contrast matrix or a matrix of weights for a factor used to obtain the weighted average over that factor. The number of rows in the matrix should equal the number of linear combinations of the predictions desired and the number of columns should equal the number of predictions.

In either case, as well as the values of the linear combinations, their standard errors, pairwise differences and associated statistics are returned in the alldiffs.object.

error.intervals

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the results. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If the LSD is zero, as can happen when predictions are constrained to be

equal, then the limits of the error intervals are set to NA. If LSDtype is set to overall, the avsed.tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed.tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

wald.tab

A data.frame containing the pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by a call to wald.asreml. The main use of it here is in determining the degrees of freedom for calculating confidence or half-LSD error.intervals and p-values, the latter to be stored in the p. differences component of the alldiffs.object that is created.

dDF.na

The method to use to obtain approximate denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. Consistent with when no denDF are available, the default is "residual" and so the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used. If dDF.na = "none", no substitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

pairwise

A logical indicating whether all pairwise differences of the predictions and their standard errors and p-values are to be computed and stored. If tables is equal to "differences" or "all" or error.intervals is equal to "halfLeastSignificant", they will be stored irrespective of the value of pairwise.

Vmatrix

A logical indicating whether the variance matrix of the predictions will be stored as a component of the alldiffs.object that is returned. If linear.transformation is set, it will be stored irrespective of the value of Vmatrix.

#### avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed.tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by LSDtype are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of LSDtype, if avsed. tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If LSDtype is set to overall, avsed.tolerance is not NA, and avsed.tolerance is exceeded then error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- 4. If LSDtype is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

If LSDtype is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

accuracy.threshold

A numeric specifying the value of the LSD accuracy measure, which measure is specified by LSDaccuracy, as a threshold value in determining whether the hallfLeastSignificant error.interval for a predicted value is a reasonable approximation; this will be the case if the LSDs across all pairwise comparisons for which the interval's LSD was computed, as specified by LSDtype and LSDby, are similar enough to the interval's LSD, as measured by LSDaccuracy. If it is NA, it will be ignored. If it is not NA, a column of logicals named LSDwarning will be added to the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. The value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be TRUE if the value of the LSDaccuracy measure computed from the LSDs for differences between this predicted.value and the other predicted.values as compared to its assignedLSD exceeds the value of accuracy. threshold. Otherwise, the value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be FALSE.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data.frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assignedLSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD.frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD.frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing

halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

x.num

A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that (i) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model and (ii) is the x-axis variable for plots. Its values will not be converted to a factor.

x.fac

A character string giving the name of the factor that (i) corresponds to x.num and (ii) is potentially included in terms in the fitted model. It should have the same number of levels as the number of unique values in x.num. The levels of x.fac must be in the order in which they are to be plotted - if they are dates, then they should be in the form yyyymmdd, which can be achieved using as.Date. However, the levels can be non-numeric in nature, provided that x.num is also set

nonx.fac.order

A character vector giving the order in which factors other than x. fac are to be plotted in plots with multiple panels (i.e. where the number of non-x factors is greater than 1). The first factor in the vector will be plotted on the X axis (if there is no x. num or x. fac. Otherwise, the order of plotting the factors is in columns (X facets) and then rows (Y facets). By default the order is in decreasing order for the numbers of levels of the non x factors.

x.pred.values

The values of x.num for which predicted values are required.

x.plot.values

The actual values to be plotted on the x axis or in the labels of tables. They are needed when values different to those in x.num are to be plotted or x.fac is to be plotted because there is no x.num term corresponding to the same term with x.fac.

plots

Possible values are "none", "predictions", "backtransforms" and "both". Plots are not produced if the value is "none". If data are not transformed for analysis (transform.power = 1), a plot of the predictions is produced provided plots is not "none". If the data are transformed, the value of plots determines what is produced.

panels

Possible values are "single" and "multiple". When line plots are to be produced, because variables involving x.num or x.fac are involved in classify for the predictions, panels determines whether or not a single panel or multiple panels in a single window are produced. The panels argument is ignored for bar charts.

graphics.device

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the cur-

rent graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a windows graphics device being opened.

interval.annotate

A logical indicating whether the plot annotation indicating the type of error.interval is to be included in the plot.

titles

A list, each component of which is named for a column in the data.frame for asreml.obj and contains a character string giving a title to use in output (e.g. tables and graphs). Here they will be used for axis labels.

colour.scheme

A character string specifying the colour scheme for the plots. The default is "colour" which produces coloured lines and bars, a grey background and white gridlines. A value of "black" results in black lines, grey bars and gridlines and a white background.

save.plots

A logical that determines whether any plots will be saved. If they are to be saved, a file name will be generated that consists of the following elements separated by full stops: the response variable name with .back if backtransformed values are being plotted, the classify term, Bar or Line and, if error.intervals is not "none", one of SE, CI or LSI. The file will be saved as a 'png' file in the current work directory.

transform.power

A numeric specifying the power of a transformation, if one has been applied to the response variable. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and stored in the backtransforms component of the alldiffs.object. The plots and tables arguments control the plotting and output of the predictions and backtransforms. The back-transformation raises the predictions to the power equal to the reciprocal of transform.power, unless it equals 0 in which case the exponential of the predictions is taken.

offset

A number that has been added to each value of the response after any scaling and before applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 0, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and stored in the backtransforms component of the alldiffs.object. The plots and tables arguments control the plotting and output of the predictions and backtransforms. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation, subtract the offset.

scale

A number by which each value of the response has been multiply before adding any offset and applying any power transformation. Unless it is equal to 1, the default, back-transforms of the predictions will be obtained and stored in the backtransforms component of the alldiffs.object. The plots and tables arguments control the plotting and output of the predictions and backtransforms. The backtransformation will, after backtransforming for any power transformation and then subtracting the offset, divide by the scale.

## transform.function

A character giving the name of a function that specifies the scale on which the predicted values are defined. This may be the result of a transformation of the data using the function or the use of the function as a link function in the fitting of a generalized linear (mixed) model (GL(M)M). The possible transform.functions are identity, log, inverse, sqrt, logit, probit, and cloglog. The predicted.values and error.intervals, if not StandardError intervals, will be back-transformed using the inverse function of the transform.function. The standard.error column will be set to NA, unless (i) asreml returns columns named transformed.value and approx.se, as well as those called predicted.values

and standard.error (such as when a GLM is fitted) and (ii) the values in transformed.value are equal to those obtained by backtransforming the predicted.values using the inverse function of the transform.function. Then, the approx.se values will be saved in the standard.error column of the backtransforms component of the returned alldiffs.obj. Also, the transformed.value and approx.se columns are removed from both the predictions and backtransforms components of the alldiffs.obj. Note that the values that end up in the standard errors column are approximate for the backtransformed values and are not used in calculating error.intervals.

tables

A character vector containing a combination of predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which components of the alldiffs.object to print.

level.length

The maximum number of characters from the levels of factors to use in the row and column labels of the tables produced by allDifferences.data.frame.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

#### sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object. The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].

decreasing

A logical passed to order that detemines whether the order for sorting the components of the alldiffs.object is for increasing or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

ggplotFuncs A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. It is passed to plotPredictions.data.frame.

... further arguments passed to predict.asreml via predictPlus.asreml and to ggplot via plotPredictions.data.frame.

#### Value

A list containing an alldiffs.object for each term for which tables are produced. The names of the components of this list are the terms with full-stops (.) replacing colons (:). Plots are also preduced depending on the setting of the plot argument.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
predictPlus.asreml, allDifferences.data.frame, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs,
redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs,
plotPredictions.data.frame, print.alldiffs, as.Date, Devices
```

```
## Not run:
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
titles <- list("Days since first observation", "Days since first observation",
                "pH", "Turbidity (NTU)")
names(titles) \leftarrow names(WaterRunoff.dat)[c(5,7,11:12)]
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                                   Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                                   Sources:Species:Date,
                       data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
#### Get the observed combinations of the factors and variables in classify
class.facs <- c("Sources", "Species", "Date", "xDay")</pre>
levs <- as.data.frame(table(WaterRunoff.dat[class.facs]))</pre>
levs <- levs[do.call(order, levs), ]</pre>
levs <- as.list(levs[levs$Freq != 0, class.facs])</pre>
levs$xDay <- as.numfac(levs$xDay)</pre>
#### parallel and levels are arguments from predict.asreml
diff.list <- predictPresent.asreml(asreml.obj = current.asrt$asreml.obj,</pre>
                                     terms = "Date:Sources:Species:xDay",
                                     x.num = "xDay", x.fac = "Date",
                                     parallel = TRUE, levels = levs,
                                     wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                     plots = "predictions",
                                     error.intervals = "StandardError",
                                     titles = titles,
                                     transform.power = 0,
                                     present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                                     tables = "none",
                                     level.length = 6)
```

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```
## End(Not run)
```

print.alldiffs

Prints the values in an alldiffs. object in a nice format.

### **Description**

Prints the predictions and standard errors from a fitted model, including the attributes of the predictions. frame. Also prints out all pairwise differences between the predictions to 2 significant figures, along with their p-values and standard errors to 4 decimal places. If LSDs are requested the mean, minimum and maximum LSDs will be printed.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
print(x, which = "all", colourise = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x An alldiffs.object.

which A character vector containing a combination of predictions, vcov, backtransforms,

differences, p. differences, sed, LSD and all. These nominate which com-

ponents of the alldiffs.object to print.

colourise A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by predict.asreml

being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device.

It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.

... further arguments passed to print.predictions.frame.

### Value

No value is returned, but the components of x are printed.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
print.predictions.frame, as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame
```

```
## Not run:
print.alldiffs(diffs, which = "predictions")
## End(Not run)
```

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print.asrtests

Prints the values in an asrtests.object

### **Description**

Prints a summary of the asreml object, the pseudoanova and the test.summary data. frame that are stored in the asrtests.object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
print(x, which = "key", colourise = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

Х	An asrtests.object.
which	Which elements of the asrtests.object to print. Possible values are some combination of asremlsummary, vparametersummary, pseudoanova, wald.tab, testsummary and key or all. The option wald.tab is a synonym for pseudoanova. The options key and all are mutually exclusive; key includes vparametersummary, but not the rest of asremlsummary, while all includes the full asremlsummary that includes the vparametersummary.
colourise	A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by wald.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.
	further arguments passed to print and print.wald.tab.

# Value

No value is returned, but the elements of the list in x are printed.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
print.wald.tab, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

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```
print(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

print.LSDdata

Prints the components of a list containing data on the LSDs for all pairwise differences of predictions.

### **Description**

Prints the components of an LSDdata list created by exploreLSDs, that contains data on the LSDs for all pairwise differences of predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LSDdata'
print(x, which.print = c("statistics", "false.pos", "false.neg"), ...)
```

# Arguments

An object that, ideally, is of class LSDdata.

Which.print Which components of the LSDdata list to print. Possible values are any combination of frequencies, distinct.vals, statistics, accuracy, false.pos, false.neg, per.pred.accuracy, LSD, summary and all, except that summary and all cannot occur together. For a description of the components, see alldiffs.object. The default is to print statistics, false.pos, false.neg. The option summary results in the printing of distinct.vals, statistics, false.pos, false.neg.

... further arguments passed to print.

### Value

No value is returned, but components of x are printed as specified in which.print.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
exploreLSDs.alldiffs,alldiffs.object
```

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print.predictions.frame

*Prints the values in a* predictions. frame, with or without title and heading.

### **Description**

Prints the predictions from a fitted model, along with their standard errors and, if present, their error intervals, with or without title and headings.

# Usage

### **Arguments**

x An object that, ideally, is of class predictions. frame.

title A character giving a title to be printed out before the heading and table for

the predictions.frame,

which.predictions

what Which elements of the predictions. frame to print. Possible values are some combination of title, heading, table and all. The heading is an at-

tribute of x.

colourise

A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by predict.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options,

but is only operational when the table is also printed.

... further arguments passed to print.predictions.frame.

## Value

No value is returned, but the components of x are printed.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## See Also

```
print.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame
```

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
print.predictions.frame(diffs$predictions, which = "all")
## End(Not run)
```

print.test.summary

Prints a data.frame containing a test.summary.

### **Description**

Prints a test.summary (also a choose.summary) with or without a title and with p-values limited to 4-digits.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'test.summary'
print(x, which.print = c("title", "table"), omit.columns = NULL, ...)
```

# Arguments

x A object that, ideally, is of class test.summary.

 $which.print \qquad A \ character \ specifying \ the \ aspects \ of \ the \ test.summary \ to \ print. \ Possible$ 

values are some combination of title, table and all.

omit.columns A character specifying the columns of the test.summary table to be omitted

from the print. If  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NULL}},$  none are omitted.

... further arguments passed to print, but is only operational when the table is

also printed.

## Value

No value is returned, but x is printed, possibly with a title.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
print.wald.tab, print.asrtests, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

print.wald.tab

print.wald.tab

Prints a data.frame containing a Wald or pseudoanova table.

### **Description**

Prints a wald. tab with or without title and/or heading. The printing of the p-values is limited to 4 digits.

### Usage

# Arguments

An object that, ideally, is of class wald.tab.

Which elements of the wald.tab to print. Possible values are some combination of title, heading, table and all. The heading is an attribute of x.

colourise

A logical which, if TRUE, results in the header text produced by wald.asreml being displayed in a different colour, if supported by the output terminal device. It overrides the TRUE setting of the colourise argument of asreml::asreml.options.

...

further arguments passed to print and print.wald.tab, but is only operational when the table is also printed.

### Value

No value is returned, but x is printed as specified in which.wald.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
print.test.summary, print.asrtests, as.asrtests, asremlPlus-package
```

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printFormulae.asreml Prints the formulae from an asreml object.

# Description

Prints the formulae nominated in the which argument from the call stored in an asreml object.

# Usage

# Arguments

asreml.obj	An asreml object resulting from the fitting of a model using REML.
which	A character listing the formula(e) to be printed from the call stored in asreml.obj. It should be some combination of fixed, random, residual, sparse and all. If all is included then all formula(e) will be printed.
expanded	A logical indicating whether terms are to be expanded to the sum of a set of individual terms.
envir	The environment in which the formula(e) are to be evaluated. May also be NULL, a list, a data. frame, a pairlist or an integer as specified to sys.call.
	Arguments passed on to getFormulae.asreml and ultimately to update.formula and terms.formula.

### Value

Invisibly returns a character, each element of which contains one of the extracted formulae.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
printFormulae.asreml
```

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#### **Examples**

R2adj.asreml

Calculates the adjusted coefficient of determination for a specified combination of fixed and random terms.

### **Description**

Calculates the adjusted coefficient of determination (R2) that measures the contributions to the total variance exhibited by the observations of a specified combination of fixed and random terms in a fitted linear mixed model. This function is not available in ASReml-R version 3.

# Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'asreml'
R2adj(asreml.obj,
    include.which.fixed = ~ ., orthogonalize = "hybrid",
    include.which.random = NULL,
    bound.exclusions = c("F","B","S","C"), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

```
asreml.obj An asreml object returned from a call to asreml. include.which.fixed
```

A formula specifying the fixed terms whose joint contribution to the total variance is to be measured. If it is NULL, no fixed term is to be included in the terms whose contributions is to be assessed. The formula ~ . indicates that the joint contribution of all fixed terms are to be measured. Otherwise, the joint contribution of the set of terms in the formula will be assessed. The names of the terms in the formula must be the same as those in either the Wald table produced by wald.asreml or the terms attribute of the fixed component of the coefficient component of the supplied asreml.obj.

Note that the contribution of a subset of the fixed terms is only unique if the effects for the fixed terms are orthogonal; if the effects are not orthogonal then the contributions will depend on the order of the terms in the formula. Also, determining the joint contribution of a subset of the fixed terms in the model may be computationally demanding because the projection matrices have to be formed for all fixed terms and these projections matrices have to be orthogonalized. A heavy computational burden is most likely when the effects for the fixed terms are not orthogonal, for example, when numeric covariates are included amongst the terms.

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orthogonalize

A character vector indicating the method for orthogonalizing a projector to those for terms that occurred previously in the formula for include.which.fixed. Orthogonalizing the projectors of fixed terms is not performed for the default setting of . ~. WHen required, two options are available for orthogonalizing: hybrid and eigenmethods. The hybrid option is the most general and uses the relationships between the projection operators for the terms in the formula to decide which projectors to subtract and which to orthogonalize using eigenmethods. The eigenmethods option recursively orthogonalizes the projectors using an eigenanalysis of each projector with previously orthogonalized projectors. See the documentation for porthogonalize.list from the R package dae for more information.

include.which.random

A formula specifying the random terms whose joint contribution to the total variance is to be measured. If it is NULL, no random term is to be included in the terms whose joint contribution is to be assessed. The formula ~ . indicates that the joint contribution of all random terms is to be measured. Otherwise, the joint contribution of the set of terms in the formula will be assessed. The terms in the formula must be on of those occurring in the vparameters component of the supplied asreml.obj.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

.. Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

### **Details**

The method used to compute the adjusted R2 under a linear mixes model (LMM) is that described by Piepho (2023). Here, the method has been extended to allow computation of the adjusted R2 for a subset of the fixed terms. A set of orthogonalized projectors for all of the fixed terms in the model (a set of  $\mathbf{Q}_i\mathbf{s}$ ) is obtained and the combined contribution of the fixed terms nominated in include.which.fixed is obtained by computing the average semisquared bias, ASSB, for the nominated fixed terms as:

$$\Sigma_i \{ (\mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta})^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{X} \operatorname{var}(\boldsymbol{\beta})) \} / (n-1)$$

Of the two methods, eigenmethods is least likely to fail, but it does not establish the marginality between the terms. It is often needed when there is nonorthogonality between terms, such as when there are several linear covariates. It can also be more efficient in these circumstances.

The process can be computationally expensive, particularly for a large data set (500 or more observations) and/or when many terms are to be orthogonalized, particularly if they are not orthogonal.

If the error Matrix is not idempotent should occur then, especially if there are many terms, one might try using set.daeTolerance from the dae package to reduce the tolerance used in determining if values are either the same or are zero; it may be necessary to lower the tolerance to as low as 0.001. Also, setting orthogonalize to eigenmethods is worth a try.

Note that the adjusted R2 can be negative, which indicates that the contribution of the terms to the total variance is very small relative to the sum of the degrees of freedom of the terms.

The function estimateV.asreml is used to calculate the variance matrices required in calculating the adjusted R2.

Piepho's (2023) method for GLMMs has not been implemented.

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#### Value

A numeric that is the adjusted R2, expressed as a percentage.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Piepho, H.-P. (2023). An adjusted coefficient of determination (R2) for generalized linear mixed models in one go. *Biometrical Journal*, **65**(7), 2200290. doi:10.1002/bimj.202200290.

#### See Also

```
asreml, estimateV.asreml.
```

### **Examples**

ratioTransform.alldiffs

Calculates the ratios of nominated pairs of predictions stored in an alldiffs.object.

# Description

Ratio predictions and error intervals are formed for two levels of a factor, the ratio.factor. For each pair of a level of the ratio.factor in numerator.levels with a level in denominator.levels, the ratio predictions are formed from all combinations of the other factors as the ratio of the two predictions for each combination, along with confidence intervals for the ratio predictions computed using the Fieller (1954) method.

The printing of the components produced is controlled by the tables argument.

#### Usage

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### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object.

ratio. factor A character string giving the name of the factor for whose levels the ratios are

to be calculated.

numerator.levels

A character string containing the levels of ratio.factor to be used as nu-

merators of the ratio.

denominator.levels

A character string containing the levels of ratio. factor to be used as de-

nominators of the ratio.

method A character string specifying the method to use in calculating the ratios and

their error.intervals. At present only Fieller is available. For the Fieller method, ratios of predictions are formed and confidence intervals formed for

them using Fieller's (1954) theorem.

alpha A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence

level for confidence intervals.

response A character specifying the response variable for the predictions. It is stored as

an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

response.title A character specifying the title for the response variable for the predictions. It

is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

tables A character vector containing either none or predictions

... further arguments passed to linTransform.alldiffs.

## Value

A list of predictions.frames, each containing the ratio predictions and their confidence limits for a combination of the numerator.levels with the denominator.levels. It will also contain the values of the variables in the classify of alldiffs.obj that index the ratio predictions, except that the ratio.factor is omitted.

If sortFactor attribute of the alldiffs.object is set and is not the ratio.factor, the predictions and their backtransforms will be sorted using the sortOrder attribute of the alldiffs.object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Fieller, E. C. (1954). Some Problems in Interval Estimation. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological)*, **16**, 175-185.

### See Also

```
pairdiffsTransform, linTransform, predictPlus.asreml, as.alldiffs,
print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame,
redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml,
plotPredictions.data.frame,
as.Date, predict.asreml
```

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```
#### Form the ratios and Fieller CIs for RGR Salinity
load(system.file("extdata", "testDiffs.rda", package = "asremlPlus", mustWork = TRUE))
Preds.ratio.RGR <- ratioTransform(diffs.RGR,</pre>
                                    ratio.factor = "Salinity",
                                    numerator.levels = "Salt",
                                    denominator.levels = "Control")
#### Form the ratios and Fieller CIs for Nitrogen compared to no Nitrogen
data("Oats.dat")
## Not run:
m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                 random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                  data=Oats.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
wald.tab <- current.asrt$wald.tab</pre>
Var.diffs <- predictPlus(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety", pairwise = TRUE,</pre>
                          Vmatrix = TRUE, error.intervals = "halfLeast",
                          LSDtype = "factor", LSDby = "Variety",
                          wald.tab = wald.tab)
## End(Not run)
 ## Use lme4 and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
 m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
  ## Set up a wald.tab
  int <- as.data.frame(rbind(rep(NA,4)))</pre>
  rownames(int) <- "(Intercept)"</pre>
  wald.tab <- anova(m1.lmer, ddf = "Kenward", type = 1)[,3:6]</pre>
  names(wald.tab) <- names(int) <- c("Df", "denDF", "F.inc", "Pr")</pre>
  wald.tab <- rbind(int, wald.tab)</pre>
  #Get predictions
  Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
  Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
  ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                      se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                      interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
  Var.sed <- NULL
  den.df <- wald.tab[match("Variety", rownames(wald.tab)), "denDF"]</pre>
  #Create alldiffs object
  Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds,</pre>
                            sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov,
                          classify = "Nitrogen:Variety", response = "Yield", tdf = den.df)
}
if (exists("Var.diffs"))
  Preds.ratio.OatsN <- ratioTransform(alldiffs.obj = Var.diffs,</pre>
                                        ratio.factor = "Nitrogen",
                                        numerator.levels = c("0.2","0.4","0.6"),
```

```
denominator.levels = "0.2")
```

recalcLSD.alldiffs

Adds or recalculates the LSD.frame that is a component of an alldiffs.object.

# Description

Given an alldiffs.object, adds or recalculate its LSD.frame. N.B. No changes are made to the error.intervals — use redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs to modify both the error.intervals and the LSD.frame.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj

An alldiffs.object.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data.frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assignedLSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

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LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD.frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD.frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD.frame.

alpha

The significance level for an LSD to compare a pair of predictions. It is stored

as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

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further arguments passed to allDifferences.data.frame; attributes transform.power, offset and scale cannot be passed.

### Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p.differences sed, LSD and, if present in alldiffs.obj, backtransforms.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, renewClassify.alldiffs, exploreLSDs.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
```

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```
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
   requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Species",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
{
  ##Recalculate the LSD values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
 TS.diffs <- recalcLSD.alldiffs(TS.diffs, LSDtype = "factor.combinations",
                                 LSDby = "Sources")
}
```

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Recalculates the denDF, F.inc and P values for a table of Wald test statistics obtained using wald.asreml

### **Description**

If some or all denDF are not available, either because they are NA or because F.inc values were not calculated, this function allows the user to specify how approximate denDF values are to be obtained. This is done through the dDF.na and dDF.values arguments. Note that if denDF values are available in the Wald table then only those that are NA will be replaced. The P values are recalculated using F.con, if present in the wald.tab, otherwise F.inc is used. It is noted that, as of asreml version 4, wald.asreml has a kenadj argument.

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### Usage

### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab,

and (iii) test.summary.

recalc.wald A logical indicating whether to call wald.asreml to recalculate the pseu-

doanova table for the model fit stored in the asreml object contained in asrtests.obj.

denDF Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of

freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part

of the model.

dDF.na The method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when

the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no substitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual", the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF.values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative

in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be

used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be

NA.

trace If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

... further arguments passed to asreml and to wald.asreml.

# Value

A wald.tab: a 4- or 6-column data.frame containing a pseudo-anova table for the fixed terms produced by wald.asreml.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests
```

#### **Examples**

redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs

Adds or replaces the error intervals stored in a prediction component of an alldiffs.object.

#### **Description**

Given an alldiffs.object, adds or replaces error.intervals for its prediction component. If the backtransforms component is present, the transform.power, offset and scale will be retrieved from the backtransforms attributes, ignoring the values for the function's arguments, and the backtransformed error.intervals will also be calculated.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

```
alldiffs.obj An alldiffs.object. error.intervals
```

A character string indicating the type of error interval, if any, to calculate in order to indicate uncertainty in the predicted values. Possible values are "none", "StandardError", "Confidence" and "halfLeastSignificant". The default is for confidence limits to be used. The "halfLeastSignificant" option results in half the Least Significant Difference (LSD) being added and subtracted to the predictions, the LSD being calculated using the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of pairwise differences between the predictions. If the LSD is zero, as can happen when predictions are constrained to be equal, then the limits of the error intervals are set to NA. If LSDtype is set to overall, the avsed tolerance is not NA and the range of the SEDs divided by the average of the SEDs exceeds avsed tolerance then the error intervals calculations and the plotting will revert to confidence intervals.

alpha

A numeric giving the significance level for LSDs or one minus the confidence level for confidence intervals. It is stored as an attribute to the alldiffs.object.

avsed.tolerance

A numeric giving the value of the SED range, the range of the SEDs divided by the square root of the mean of the variances of all or a subset of the pairwise differences, that is considered reasonable in calculating error.intervals. To have it ignored, set it to NA. It should be a value between 0 and 1. The following rules apply:

- 1. If avsed. tolerance is NA then mean LSDs of the type specified by LSDtype are calculated and used in error.intervals and plots.
- 2. Irrespective of the setting of LSDtype, if avsed.tolerance is not exceeded then the mean LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots.
- 3. If LSDtype is set to overall, avsed. tolerance is not NA, and avsed. tolerance is exceeded then error. intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals
- 4. If LSDtype is set to factor.combinations and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any factor combination then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.
- If LSDtype is set to per.prediction and avsed.tolerance is not exceeded for any prediction then the half LSDs are used in error.intervals and plots; otherwise, error.intervals and plotting revert to confidence intervals.

accuracy.threshold

A numeric specifying the value of the LSD accuracy measure, which measure is specified by LSDaccuracy, as a threshold value in determining whether the hallfLeastSignificant error.interval for a predicted value is a reasonable approximation; this will be the case if the LSDs across all pairwise comparisons for which the interval's LSD was computed, as specified by LSDtype and LSDby, are similar enough to the interval's LSD, as measured by LSDaccuracy. If it is NA, it will be ignored. If it is not NA, a column of logicals named LSDwarning will be added to the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. The value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be TRUE if the value of the LSDaccuracy measure computed from the LSDs for differences between this predicted.value and the other predicted.values as compared to its assignedLSD exceeds the value of accuracy.threshold. Otherwise, the value of LSDwarning for a predicted.value will be FALSE.

LSDtype

A character string that can be overall, factor.combinations, per.prediction or supplied. It determines whether the values stored in a row of a LSD.frame are the values calculated (i) overall from the LSD values for all pairwise comparison2, (ii) the values calculated from the pairwise LSDs for the levels of each factor.combination, unless there is only one prediction for a level of the factor.combination, when a notional LSD is calculated, (iii) per.prediction, being based, for each prediction, on all pairwise differences involving that prediction, or (iv) as supplied values of the LSD, specified with the LSDsupplied argument; these supplied values are to be placed in the assignedLSD column of the LSD.frame stored in an alldiffs.object so that they can be used in LSD calculations.

If LSDtype is NULL (the default), the LSDtype attribute of the alldiffs.obj will be used; it is also NULL, then the LSDtype will be set to overall.

See LSD. frame for further information on the values in a row of this data. frame and how they are calculated.

LSDsupplied

A data.frame or a named numeric containing a set of LSD values that correspond to the observed combinations of the values of the LSDby variables in the predictions.frame or a single LSD value that is an overall LSD. If a data. frame, it may have (i) a column for the LSDby variable and a column of LSD values or (ii) a single column of LSD values with rownames being the combinations of the observed values of the LSDby variables. Any name can be used for the column of LSD values; assigned LSD is sensible, but not obligatory. Otherwise, a numeric containing the LSD values, each of which is named for the observed combination of the values of the LSDby variables to which it corresponds. (Applying the function dae::fac.combine to the predictions component is one way of forming the required combinations for the (row) names.) The values supplied will be incorporated into assignedLSD column of the LSD. frame stored as the LSD component of the alldiffs.object.

LSDby

A character (vector) of variables names, being the names of the factors or numerics in the classify; for each combination of their levels and values, there will be or is a row in the LSD. frame stored in the LSD component of the alldiffs.object when LSDtype is factor.combinatons.

LSDstatistic

A character nominating one or more of minimum, q10, q25, mean, median, q75, q90 or maximum as the value(s) to be stored in the assignedLSD column in an LSD. frame; the values in the assignedLSD column are used in computing halfLeastSignificant error.intervals. Here q10, q25, q75 and q90 indicate the sample quantiles corresponding to probabilities of 0.1, 0.25, 0.75 and 0.9 for the group of LSDs from which a single LSD value is calculated. The function quantile is used to obtain them. The mean LSD is calculated as the square root of the mean of the squares of the LSDs for the group. The median is calculated using the median function. Multiple values are only produced for LSDtype set to factor.combination, in which case LSDby must not be NULL and the number of values must equal the number of observed combinations of the values of the variables specified by LSDby. If LSDstatistic is NULL, it is reset to mean.

LSDaccuracy

A character nominating one of maxAbsDeviation, maxDeviation, q90Deviation or RootMeanSqDeviation as the statistic to be calculated as a measure of the accuracy of assignedLSD. The option q90Deviation produces the sample quantile corresponding to a probability of 0.90. The deviations are the differences between the LSDs used in calculating the LSD statistics and each assigned LSD and the accuracy is expressed as a proportion of the assigned LSD value. The calculated values are stored in the column named accuracyLSD in an LSD. frame.

retain.zeroLSDs

A logical indicating whether to retain or omit LSDs that are zero when calculating the summaries of LSDs.

zero.tolerance A numeric specifying the value such that if an LSD is less than it, the LSD will be considered to be zero.

further arguments passed to recalcLSD. alldiffs.

#### Value

An alldiffs.object with components predictions, vcov, differences, p. differences sed, LSD and, if present in alldiffs.obj, backtransforms.

If error intervals is not "none", then the predictions component and, if present, the backtransforms component will contain columns for the lower and upper values of the limits for the interval. The names of these columns will consist of three parts separated by full stops: 1) the first part will be

lower or upper; 2) the second part will be one of Confidence, StandardError or halfLeastSignificant; 3) the third component will be limits.

The name of the response, the term, the classify and tdf, as well as the degrees of freedom of the standard error, will be set as attributes to the object. Also, if error.intervals is "halfLeastSignificant", then those of LSDtype, LSDby and LSDstatistic that are not NULL will be added as attributes of the object and of the predictions frame; additionally, LSDvalues will be added as attribute of the predictions frame, LSDvalues being the LSD values used in calculating the error.intervals.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
recalcLSD.alldiffs, exploreLSDs.alldiffs, pickLSDstatistics.alldiffs, predictPresent.asreml, plotPredictions.data.frame, allDifferences.data.frame, as.alldiffs, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, subset.alldiffs, as.Date, predict.asreml
```

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
TS.diffs <- predictPlus(classify = "Sources:Type",
                        asreml.obj = current.asr,
                        wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                        present = c("Sources", "Type", "Species"))
## End(Not run)
## Use lmeTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
{
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Species)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
```

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Performs a REML ratio test to compare two models.

### **Description**

Extracts the REML log likelihood and the number of variance parameters from two asreml objects. It assumes that the first asreml object corresponds to the null hypothesis and the second asreml object to the alternative hypothesis for the test being conducted. That is, the second asreml object is the result of fitting a model that is a reduced version of the model for the first object. In the case where the reduced model is obtained by setting positively-constrained variance parameters in the full model to zero, the positive.zero argument should be set to TRUE so that the p-value is computed using a mixture of chi-square distributions as described in Self and Liang (1987).

The function checks that the models do not differ in either their fixed or sparse models.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

h0.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the null hypothesis.

h1.asreml.obj asreml object containing the fit under the model for the alternative hypothesis.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one",

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it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

DF

A numeric giving the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions. If NULL then this is determined from the information in full.asreml.obj and reduced.asreml.obj.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

Provision for passing arguments to functions called internally - not used at present.

#### Value

A data. frame containing the log of the likelihood ratio, its degrees of freedom, its p-value and the number of bound parameters in each of the two models being compared.

#### Note

If DF is not NULL, the supplied value is used. Otherwise DF is determined from the information in h1.asreml.obj and h0.asreml.obj. In this case, the degrees of freedom for the test are computed as the difference between the two models in the number of variance parameters whose estimates do not have a code for bound specified in bound.exclusions.

If ASReml-R version 4 is being used then the codes specified in bound.exclusions are not restricted to a subset of the default codes, but a warning is issued if a code other than these is specified. For ASReml-R version 3, only a subset of the default codes are allowed: F (Fixed), B (Boundary), C (Constrained) and S (Singular).

The test statistic is calculated as  $2(log(REML)_1 - log(REML)_0)$ .

This procedure is only appropriate when the null hypothesis is that (i) all parameters are on the boundary of the parameter space (ii) all parameters are in the interior of the parameter space, or (iii) there are two parameters, one of which is on the boundary and the other is not. Other cases have been discussed by Self and Liang (1987), but are not implemented here.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# References

Self, S.G., and Liang, K-Y. (1987) Asymptotic Properties of Maximum Likelihood Estimators and Likelihood Ratio Tests Under Nonstandard Conditions. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **82**, 605-10.

# See Also

infoCriteria.asreml, testranfix.asrtests

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    REMLRT(ICV.max, ICV.red, bound.test.parameters = "onlybound")
## End(Not run)
```

renewClassify.alldiffs

Renews the components in an alldiffs.object according to a new classify.

# Description

The classify is an attribute of an alldiffs.object and determines the order within the components of an unsorted alldiffs.object. This function resets the classify attribute and re-orders the components of alldiffs.object to be in standard order for the variables in a newclassify, using allDifferences.data.frame. The newclassify may be just a re-ordering of the variable names in the previous classify, or be based on a new set of variable names. The latter is particularly useful when linTransform.alldiffs has been used with a matrix and it is desired to replace the resulting Combination classify with a newclassify comprised of a more meaningful set of variables; first replace Combination in the predictions component with the new set of variables and then call renewClassify.

#### Usage

# **Arguments**

alldiffs.obj

An alldiffs.object.

newclassify

A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway table that was predicted, but ordered so that the predictions are in the desired order when they are arranged in standard order for the newclassify. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the: operator. The number of combined values of the set of variable name(s) must equal the number of rows in the predictions component.

sortFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of predicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

#### sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

#### sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for

sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

decreasing A logical passed to order that detemines whether the order is for increasing

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

further arguments passed to allDifferences.data.frame; attributes tranform.power,

offset and scale cannot be passed.

# Details

First, the components of the alldiffs.object is arranged in standard order for the newclassify. Then predictions are reordered according to the settings of sortFactor, sortParallelToCombo, sortOrder and decreasing (see sort.alldiffs for details).

# Value

The alldiffs.object supplied with the following components, if present, sorted: predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p. differences and sed. Also, the sortFactor and sortOrder attributes are set.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

## **Examples**

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
```

##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics

```
## Not run:
#Analyse pH
m1.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
#Get predictions and associated statistics
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                                asreml.obj = m1.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  #Analyse pH
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                                classify = "Sources:Type",
                                vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
#Re-order predictions from asreml or lmerTest so all Sources for the same Type are together
#for each combination of A and B
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
 TS.diffs.reord <- renewClassify(TS.diffs, newclassify = "Type:Sources")
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs.reord)
}
```

reparamSigDevn.asrtests

Reparamterizes each random (deviations) term involving devn.fac to a fixed term and ensures that the same term, with trend.num replacing devn.fac, is included if any other term with trend.num is included in terms

#### **Description**

This function reparamterizes each random (deviations) term involving devn.fac to a fixed term and ensures that the same term with trend.num replacing devn.fac is included if any other term with trend.num is included in terms. It also ansures that any term with spl{trend.num} replacing devn.fac in a term being reparameterized is removed from the model.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

terms A character string vector giving the random terms that are to be reparameterized.

trend.num A character string giving the name of the numeric covariate that corresponds to

devn. fac and is potentially included in terms in the fitted model.

devn.fac A character string giving the name of the factor that corresponds to trend.num and is included in terms in the fitted model. The name must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. Initially all changes are made with allow.unconverged set to TRUE. If allow.unconverged has been set to FALSE in the call and the final fit does not converge, an attempt is made to achieve convergence by removing any boundary terms. If this is unsuccessful, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary. asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

IClikelihood

A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included: if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) the models are updated and (ii) those specified via . . . .

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

further arguments passed to asreml via changeTerms.asrtests and as.asrtests.

# Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, chooseModel.asrtests
```

```
## Not run:
  data(WaterRunoff.dat)
  asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
  current.asr <- asreml(fixed = log.Turbidity ~ Benches + Sources + Type + Species +</pre>
                            Sources:Type + Sources:Species + Sources:Species:xDay +
                             Sources: Species: Date,
                         data = WaterRunoff.dat, keep.order = TRUE)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
  #Examine terms that describe just the interactions of Date and the treatment factors
  terms.treat <- c("Sources", "Type", "Species", "Sources:Type", "Sources:Species")</pre>
  date.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                       FUN=function(term){paste("Date:",term,sep="")},
                       simplify=TRUE)
  date.terms <- c("Date", date.terms)</pre>
  date.terms <- unname(date.terms)</pre>
  1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,0,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
  rownames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  colnames(treat.marginality) <- date.terms</pre>
  choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, treat.marginality, denDF="algebraic")</pre>
  current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
  current.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
  sig.date.terms <- choose$sig.terms</pre>
  #Remove all Date terms left in the fixed model
  terms <- "(Date/(Sources * (Type + Species)))"</pre>
  current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, dropFixed = terms)</pre>
  #if there are significant date terms, reparameterize to xDays + spl(xDays) + Date
  if (length(sig.date.terms) != 0)
  { #add lin + spl + devn for each to fixed and random models
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
                                FUN=function(term){sub("Date", "xDay", term)},
                                simplify=TRUE)
    trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
    current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addFixed=trend.date.terms)</pre>
    trend.date.terms <- sapply(sig.date.terms,</pre>
                                FUN=function(term){sub("Date", "spl(xDay)", term)},
                                simplify=TRUE)
    trend.date.terms <- c(trend.date.terms, sig.date.terms)</pre>
    trend.date.terms <- paste(trend.date.terms, collapse=" + ")</pre>
```

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```
current.asrt <- changeTerms(current.asrt, addRandom = trend.date.terms)</pre>
    current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
  #Now test terms for sig date terms
  spl.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                      FUN=function(term){paste("spl(xDay):",term,sep="")},
                      simplify=TRUE)
  spl.terms <- c("spl(xDay)",spl.terms)</pre>
  lin.terms <- sapply(terms.treat,</pre>
                      FUN=function(term){paste(term,":xDay",sep="")},
                      simplify=TRUE)
  lin.terms <- c("xDay",lin.terms)</pre>
  systematic.terms <- c(terms.treat, lin.terms, spl.terms, date.terms)</pre>
  systematic.terms <- unname(systematic.terms)</pre>
  1,0,1,1,0,0, 1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,1,1,1), nrow=6)
  systematic.marginality \leftarrow kronecker(matrix(c(1,0,0,0, 1,1,0,0,
                                                1,1,1,0, 1,1,1,1), nrow=4),
                                       treat.marginality)
  systematic.marginality <- systematic.marginality[-1, -1]</pre>
  rownames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
  colnames(systematic.marginality) <- systematic.terms</pre>
  choose <- chooseModel(current.asrt, systematic.marginality,</pre>
                         denDF="algebraic", pos=TRUE)
  current.asrt <- choose$asrtests.obj</pre>
  #Check if any deviations are significant and, for those that are, go back to
  #fixed dates
  current.asrt <- reparamSigDevn(current.asrt, choose$sig.terms,</pre>
                                 trend.num = "xDay", devn.fac = "Date",
                                 denDF = "algebraic")
## End(Not run)
```

rmboundary.asrtests

Removes any boundary or singular variance components from the fit stored in asrtests.obj and records their removal in an asrtests.object.

#### **Description**

Any terms specified in the random model that are estimated on the boundary or are singular and can be removed are removed from the fit stored in the asreml object stored in the asrtests.object. Terms that specify multiple parameters in the random model cannot be removed (e.g. terms specified using the at function with more than one level of the factor) and terms in residual model are not removed. Terms that can be removed are selected for removal in the following order based on whether they involve: (i) a dev function, (ii) only factors, (iii) an spl function, (iv) a pol function and (v) a lin function or a variable that is an integer or a numeric. It should be noted that this order of removal presumes that random deviation terms are specified via the dev function rather than via a random factor. Once the earliest of the above classes with a boundary term is identified, a term within this class is selected for removal. For all classes, except for factor-only terms, the smallest term with the largest number of variables/factors is removed. Amongst factor-only terms, the smallest term with the smallest number of variables/factors is removed. After each variance

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component is removed, a row for it is added to the test. summary data. frame and the model refitted. If there are further boundary or singular terms, one is removed using the above strategy. This process continues until there are no further boundary or singular variance components that are removable. Other types of boundary or singular terms, which cannot be removed, are reported in warning messages.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asrtests'
rmboundary(asrtests.obj, checkboundaryonly = FALSE,
           IClikelihood = "none", trace = FALSE, update = TRUE,
           set.terms = NULL, ignore.suffices = TRUE,
           bounds = "P", initial.values = NA, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

IClikelihood A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for

information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included.

(See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are trace

invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model with any boundary terms removed and using the values of the variance param-

eters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the model

without the boundary terms.

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial set.terms values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters

component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

bounds

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initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

... Further arguments, including asreml arguments, passed to newfit.asreml.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, testranfix.asrtests, testresidual.asrtests, newfit.asreml, reparamSigDevn.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

setvarianceterms.call allows the setting of bounds and initial values for terms in the random and residual arguments of an asreml call, with the resulting call being evaluated.

# Description

Takes an unevaluated call and evaluates the call after setting the bounds and initial values for the terms specified in terms. The elements of terms are matched with those generated by asreml and used, for example, in the varcomp component of a summary.asreml object. These names generally include descriptive suffices. To match an element of terms that includes such a suffix, set ignore.suffices to FALSE so that a literal match between the element and the assigned names is sought.

#### Usage

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#### **Arguments**

call

an unevaluated call to asreml. One way to create such a call is to use the call function with its name argument set to "asreml". Another is to obtain it from the call component of an asreml object (e.g. call <- asreml.obj\$call).

terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values specified. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

The codes used by ASReml are:

- B fixed at a boundary;
- F fixed by the user;
- P positive definite;
- C Constrained by user;
- U unbounded.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

additional arguments to be added to the call, or arguments in the call with changed values.

#### Value

An asreml object.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2. VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

#### See Also

newfit.asreml, update.asreml

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### **Examples**

simulate.asreml

Produce sets of simulated data from a multivariate normal distribution and save quantities related to the simulated data

#### **Description**

Produce in parallel sets of simulated data corresponding to an asreml model, along with its fitted values and residuals. A variance matrix V, corresponding to the random and residual models must be supplied. What to save is specified by the which argument.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

object	An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been set.
means	The vector of means to be used in generating simulated data sets. If it is NULL, the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length as the response variable for object.
V	The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the pattern and values that conform to the model fit stored in the supplied object.
nsim	The number of data sets to be simulated.
seed	A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.
tolerance	The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero.

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update If TRUE then the arguments R. param and G. param are set to those in the asreml object supplied in object so that the values from the original model are used as starting values. If FALSE then as reml calls are evaluated, the only changes from the previous call being that (i) the model is fitted to simulated data and (ii) modifications specified via ... are mode, except that changes cannot be made to any of the models. trace If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed. The quantities from the simulated data set to be stored. Any combination of which "response", "residuals" and "fitted", or "all". If residuals and/or fitted is specified, those for the analysis stored in object will be added to the data.frame nominated in the data argument of object and the modified data. frame added as a component named data in the list that is the value returned by the function. A character indicating whether the BLUPs for units are added to the residuals units when this reserved factor is included in the random model. Possible values are addtoresiduals and ignore. A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations. In ncores choosing a value for ncores, it is necessary to take into account other processes that are using parallel processing at the same time. Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be avoided.

#### **Details**

Generate nsim sets of data and analyse them using asreml using the model in object, performing the generation and analysis of several sets in parallel. Note, if the analysis for a data set does not converge in maxiter iterations, it is discarded and a replacement data set generated. The value of maxiter can be specified in the call to simulate.asreml. The fitted values and residuals are extracted as required. If aom = TRUE when the simulated data are analysed, standardised conditional residuals are stored. If which includes residuals or fitted, the specified quantities for the observed data are added to the data.frame on which the fit in object is based.

### Value

A list with the following components whose presence depends on the setting of which:

- 1. **observed:** present if which includes residuals or fitted, in which case it will be the data.frame on which the fit in object is based, with residuals and/or fitted.
- 2. data: present if which includes data, a data. frame containing the simulated data sets.
- 3. **fitted:** present if which includes fitted, a data. frame containing the fitted values from the analyses of the simulated data sets.
- 4. **residuals:** present if which includes residuals, a data. frame containing the residuals from the analyses of the simulated data sets.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
asreml, newfit.asreml, variofaces.asreml, plotVariofaces.data.frame, set.seed.
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
 data(Wheat.dat)
 current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                         random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                         residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                         data=Wheat.dat)
 current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
 current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
 # Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
 s2 <- current.asr$sigma2
 gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
 gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
 rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
 rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
 row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
 col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
 V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
       gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
       mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
 V <- s2*V
 #Produce residuals from 100 simulated data sets
 resid <- simulate(current.asr, V=V, which="residuals", ncores = parallel::detectCores())</pre>
 ## End(Not run)
sort.alldiffs
                           Sorts the components in an alldiffs. object according to the pre-
```

dicted values associated with a factor.

#### **Description**

Sorts the rows of the components in an alldiffs.object (see as.alldiffs) that are data.frames and the rows and columns of those that are matrices according to the predicted values in the predictions component. These predicted values are generally obtained using predict.asreml by specifying a classify term comprised of one or more variables. Generally, the values associated with one variable are sorted in parallel within each combination of values of the other variables. When there is more than one variable in the classify term, the sorting is controlled using one or more of sortFactor, sortParallelToCombo and sortOrder. If there is only one variable in the classify then all components are sorted according to the order of the complete set of predictions.

Note that renewClassify.alldiffs is called after sorting to ensure that the order of the rows and columns of the components is in standard order for the new variable order.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alldiffs'
sort(x, decreasing = FALSE, classify = NULL, sortFactor = NULL,
     sortParallelToCombo = NULL, sortNestingFactor = NULL,
     sortOrder = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x An alldiffs.object.

decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order is for increasing

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

classify A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway

table that was predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names with the : operator. If NULL, it will be obtained from the classify attribute of

the as.alldiffs object supplied through x.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of pre-

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is

determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

sortOrder

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only

one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions component of the alldiffs.object. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered components of the alldiffs.object.

The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values

in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].</pre>

further arguments passed to or from other methods. Not used at present.

### **Details**

The basic technique is to change the order of the levels of the sortFactor within the predictions and, if present, backtransforms components so that they are ordered for a subset of predicted values, one for each levels of the sortFactor. When the classify term consists of more than one variable then a subset of one combination of the values of variables other than the sortFactor, the sortParallelToCombo combination, must be chosen for determining the order of the sortFactor

levels. Then the sorting of the rows (and columns) will be in parallel within each combination of the values of sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify term, excluding the sortFactor.

#### Value

The alldiffs.object supplied with the following components, if present, sorted: predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p. differences and sed. Also, the sortFactor and sortOrder attributes are set.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.predictions.frame, renewClassify.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

```
##Halve WaterRunoff data to reduce time to execute
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
tmp <- subset(WaterRunoff.dat, Date == "05-18")</pre>
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
#Analyse pH
m1.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary(current.asrt)</pre>
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
#Get predictions and associated statistics
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                                asreml.obj = m1.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#Use sort.alldiffs and save order for use with other response variables
TS.diffs.sort <- sort(TS.diffs, sortFactor = "Sources",
                       sortParallelToCombo = list(Type = "Control"))
sort.order <- attr(TS.diffs.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
#Analyse Turbidity
m2.asr <- asreml(fixed = Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                  random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                  keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m2.asr)</pre>
#Use pH sort.order to sort Turbidity alldiffs object
diffs2.sort <- predictPlus(m2.asr, classify = "Sources:Type",</pre>
                            pairwise = FALSE, error.intervals = "Stand",
```

```
tables = "none", present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"),
                           sortFactor = "Sources",
                           sortOrder = sort.order)
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
   requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  #Analyse pH
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(tmp))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                             classify = "Sources:Type",
                             vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
  #Use sort.alldiffs and save order for use with other response variables
  TS.diffs.sort <- sort(TS.diffs, sortFactor = "Sources",
                        sortParallelToCombo = list(Type = "Control"))
  sort.order <- attr(TS.diffs.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
  #Analyse Turbidity
  m2.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +</pre>
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                            data=na.omit(tmp))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m2.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                   se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                   interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object, sorting it using the pH sort.order and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs2.sort <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds,
                                   classify = "Sources:Type",
                                   vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df,
                                   sortFactor = "Sources",
                                   sortOrder = sort.order)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs2.sort)
```

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```
sort.predictions.frame
```

Sorts a predictions. frame according to the predicted values associated with a factor.

# Description

Sorts the rows of a predictions. frame according to the predicted values in the predictions. frame. These predicted values are generally obtained using predict.asreml by specifying a classify term comprised of one or more variables. Generally, the values associated with one variable are sorted in parallel within each combination of values of the other variables. When there is more than one variable in the classify term, the sorting is controlled using one or more of sortFactor, sortParallelToCombo and sortOrder. If there is only one variable in the classify then the predictions. frame is sorted according to the order of the complete set of predictions.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

x A predictions.frame.

decreasing A logical passed to order that determines whether the order is for increasing

or decreasing magnitude of the predicted values.

classify A character string giving the variables that define the margins of the multiway

table that was predicted. Multiway tables are specified by forming an interaction type term from the classifying variables, that is, separating the variable names

with the : operator.

sortFactor A character containing the name of the factor that indexes the set of pre-

dicted values that determines the sorting of the components. If there is only one variable in the classify term then sortFactor can be NULL and the order is defined by the complete set of predicted values. If there is more than one variable in the classify term then sortFactor must be set. In this case the sortFactor is sorted in the same order within each combination of the values of the sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor. There should be only one predicted value for each unique value of sortFactor within each set defined by a combination of the values of the classify variables, excluding the sortFactor factor. The order to use is

determined by either sortParallelToCombo or sortOrder.

sortParallelToCombo

A list that specifies a combination of the values of the factors and numerics, excluding sortFactor, that are in classify. Each of the components of the supplied list is named for a classify variable and specifies a single value for it. The combination of this set of values will be used to define a subset of the predicted values whose order will define the order of sortFactor. Each of the other combinations of the values of the factors and numerics will be sorted in parallel. If sortParallelToCombo is NULL then the first value of each classify

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variable, except for the sortFactor factor, in the predictions component is used to define sortParallelToCombo. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

sortNestingFactor

A character containing the name of the factor that defines groups of the sortFactor within which the predicted values are to be ordered. If there is only one variable in the classify then sortNestingFactor is ignored.

sortOrder

A character vector whose length is the same as the number of levels for sortFactor in the predictions.frame. It specifies the desired order of the levels in the reordered the predictions.frame. The argument sortParallelToCombo is ignored.

The following creates a sortOrder vector levs for factor f based on the values in x: levs <- levels(f)[order(x)].

... further arguments passed to or from other methods. Not used at present.

### **Details**

The basic technique is to change the order of the levels of the sortFactor within the predictions. frame so that they are ordered for a subset of predicted values, one for each levels of the sortFactor. When the classify term consists of more than one variable then a subset of one combination of the values of variables other than the sortFactor, the sortParallelToCombo combination, must be chosen for determining the order of the sortFactor levels. Then the sorting of the rows (and columns) will be in parallel within each combination of the values of sortParallelToCombo variables: the classify term, excluding the sortFactor.

#### Value

The sorted predictions. frame. Also, the sortFactor and sortOrder attributes are set.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

```
as.predictions.frame, print.predictions.frame, sort.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

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```
m1.asr <- current.asrt$asreml.obj</pre>
#Get predictions and associated statistics
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                                asreml.obj = m1.asr, tables = "none",
                                wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                                present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
#Use sort.predictions.frame and save order for use with other response variables
TS.preds <- TS.diffs$predictions
TS.preds.sort <- sort(TS.preds, sortFactor = "Sources",
                      sortParallelToCombo = list(Type = "Control"))
sort.order <- attr(TS.preds.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
#Analyse Turbidity
m2.asr <- asreml(fixed = Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                 random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                 keep.order=TRUE, data= tmp)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m2.asr)</pre>
#Use pH sort.order to sort Turbidity alldiffs object
TS.diffs2 <- predictPlus(m2.asr, classify = "Sources:Type",
                         pairwise = FALSE, error.intervals = "Stand",
                          tables = "none", present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
TS.preds2 <- TS.diffs2$predictions
TS.preds2.sort <- sort(TS.preds, sortFactor = "Sources", sortOder = sort.order)
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  #Analyse pH
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(tmp))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  #Use sort.predictions.frame and save order for use with other response variables
  TS.preds.sort <- sort(TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type", sortFactor = "Sources",
                        sortParallelToCombo = list(Type = "Control"))
  sort.order <- attr(TS.preds.sort, which = "sortOrder")</pre>
  #Analyse Turbidity
  m2.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Turbidity ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +</pre>
                               (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(tmp))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m2.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
```

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subset.alldiffs

Subsets the components in an alldiffs.object according to the supplied condition.

#### **Description**

Subsets each of the components of an alldiffs.object. The subset is determined by applying the condition to the prediction component to determine which of its rows are to be included in the subset. Then, if present, this subset is applied to the rows of backtransforms and to the rows and columns of differences, p.differences and sed components. In addition, if sed is present, recalcLSD.alldiffs is called to recalculate the values in the LSD.frame stored in the LSD component, with any arguments supplied via the . . . argument passed ot it.

The select argument of subset is not implemented, but can be achieved for variables in the classify using the rmClassifyVars argument.

#### Usage

# **Arguments**

x An alldiffs.object.

subset A logical that determines rows of the predictions component of x to be in-

cluded in the subset. By default allws are included.

rmClassifyVars A character that contains the names of the variables in the classify attribute

of x that are to be removed from the predictions data. frame and the names of the dimensions of the other components of x. In doing this, the combinations of

the remaining classify variables must uniquely index the predictions.

... further arguments passed to recalcLSD.alldiffs.

### Value

An alldiffs.object with the following components of the supplied alldiffs.object subsetted, if present in the original object: predictions, vcov, backtransforms, differences, p. differences and sed. In addition, if sed is present, the LSD frame in the LSD component will be recalculated.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

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#### See Also

```
as.alldiffs, allDifferences.data.frame, print.alldiffs, sort.alldiffs, redoErrorIntervals.alldiffs, recalcLSD.alldiffs, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
##Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
## Not run:
asreml.options(keep.order = TRUE) #required for asreml-R4 only
current.asr <- asreml(fixed = pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)),</pre>
                      random = ~ Benches:MainPlots,
                      keep.order=TRUE, data= WaterRunoff.dat)
\verb|current.asrt| <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)|
TS.diffs <- predictPlus.asreml(classify = "Sources:Type",
                              asreml.obj = current.asr, tables = "none",
                              wald.tab = current.asrt$wald.tab,
                              present = c("Type", "Species", "Sources"))
## End(Not run)
## Use 1meTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
  m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(pH ~ Benches + (Sources * (Type + Species)) +
                              (1|Benches:MainPlots),
                             data=na.omit(WaterRunoff.dat))
  TS.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Sources:Type)
  TS.preds <- summary(TS.emm)
  den.df <- min(TS.preds$df, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
  ## Modify TS.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
  TS.preds <- as.predictions.frame(TS.preds, predictions = "emmean",
                                    se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                    interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  ## Form an all.diffs object and check its validity
  TS.vcov <- vcov(TS.emm)
  TS.diffs <- allDifferences(predictions = TS.preds, classify = "Sources:Type",
                              vcov = TS.vcov, tdf = den.df)
  validAlldiffs(TS.diffs)
}
## Plot p-values for predictions obtained using asreml or lmerTest
if (exists("TS.diffs"))
  ##Use subset.alldiffs to select a subset of the alldiffs object
  TS.diffs.subs <- subset(TS.diffs,
                          subset = grepl("R", Sources, fixed = TRUE) &
                                    Type %in% c("Control", "Medicinal"))
}
```

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subset.list Forms a list that contains a subset of list.	of the components of the supplied
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# Description

Select components of a list specified by a list of numbers or names, or by a logical indicating for each component of the list whether or not it is to be retained.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'list'
subset(x, select = 1:length(x), ...)
```

# Arguments

x	An list object.
select	A numeric or character that lists or names the components of the list x that are to be retained in the subset. It can also be a logical that is the same length as x and indicates whether or not a component is to be retained.
	further arguments passed to or from other methods. Not used at present.

# Value

A list with just the subset of the components from x. If the components of x are named, then these names are retained in the subset list.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
subset.alldiffs
```

```
x <- list(1:3,letters[1:3],LETTERS[1:3])
y <- subset.list(x, select = c(1,3))
y <- subset.list(x, select = c(TRUE,FALSE,TRUE))

names(x) <- LETTERS[1:3]
y <- subset.list(x, select = c(1,3))
z <- subset.list(x, select = LETTERS[c(1,3)])
x <- list(1:3,letters[1:3],LETTERS[1:3])
names(x)[c(1,3)] <- LETTERS[c(1,3)]
z <- subset.list(x, select = c(1,2))
v <- subset.list(x)</pre>
```

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testranfix.asrtests

Tests for a single fixed or random term in model fitted using asreml and records the result in an asrtests.object.

#### **Description**

Tests for a single term, using a REML ratio test (REMLRT) for a random term or based on Wald statistics for a fixed term. The term must be in the fitted model. A random term is removed from the model fit and a REMLRT is performed using REMLRT.asreml. It compares the fit of the model in asreml.obj and the newly fitted model without the term. If the newly fitted model is retained, any boundary terms are then removed using rmboundary.asrtests. For a fixed term, the probability of the Wald statistics is extracted from the pseudo-anova table produced by wald.asreml. If this is available in the asrtests.object, it is used; otherwise wald.asreml is called to add it to the asrtests.object. Whether nonsignificant terms are dropped is controlled by drop.ran.ns for random terms and drop.fix.ns for fixed terms. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame for the term that is tested.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab,

and (iii) test.summary.

term A single model term that is valid in asreml, stored as a character. The names of fixed terms must match those in the wald.tab component of the

asrtests.obj, while the names of random terms must match those in the vparameters

component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE, it will be checked whether convergence can be achieved with the removal of any boundary random terms; random terms will be retested if terms are removed. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound 214 testranfix.asrtests

or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

drop.ran.ns

A logical indicating whether to drop a random term from the model when it is nonsignificant. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function will only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified in term.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT.asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asreml. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asreml object for the two models.

drop.fix.ns

A logical indicating whether to drop a fixed term from the model when it is nonsignificant. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

denDF

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

dDF.na

The method to use to obtain substitute denominator degrees of freedom. when the numeric or algebraic methods produce an NA. If dDF.na = "none", no subtitute denominator degrees of freedom are employed; if dDF.na = "residual",

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> the residual degrees of freedom from asreml.obj\$nedf are used; if dDF.na = "maximum", the maximum of those denDF that are available, excluding that for the Intercept, is used; if all denDF are NA, asreml.obj\$nedf is used. If dDF.na = "supplied", a vector of values for the denominator degrees of freedom is to be supplied in dDF. values. Any other setting is ignored and a warning message produced. Generally, substituting these degrees of freedom is anticonservative in that it is likely that the degrees of freedom used will be too large.

dDF.values

A vector of values to be used when dDF.na = "supplied". Its values will be used when denDF in a test for a fixed effect is NA. This vector must be the same length as the number of fixed terms, including (Intercept) whose value could be NA.

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A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML and family is set to asr\_guassian (the default), then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full and family is set to asr\_guassian, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. If family is asr\_binomial or asr\_poisson, with dispersion set to 1, the deviance is extracted from object and used to calculate the AIC and BIC. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) those for the supplied terms and (ii) those specified via . . . .

set.terms

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the new asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asremlassigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set. terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

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#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, DF set to NA, p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

#### See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

### **Examples**

testresidual.asrtests Fits a new residual formula, tests whether the change is significant and records the result in an asrtests.object.

#### **Description**

Fits a new residual formula using asreml-R4 (replaces the rcov formula of asreml-R3) and tests whether the change is significant. If simpler = FALSE the model to be fitted must be more complex than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj. That is, the new model must have more parameters. However, if simpler = TRUE the model to be fitted must be simpler than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj in that it must have fewer parameters. Any boundary terms are removed using rmboundary.asrtests, which may mean that the models are not nested. The test is a REML likelihood ratio test that is performed using REMLRT.asreml, which is only valid if the models are nested. It compares the newly fitted model with the fit of the model in asrtest.obj. If the two models have the same number of variance parameters, then no change is made to the residual. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame using the supplied label.

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#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the componets

(i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab (iii) test.summary.

terms A model for the residual argument in asreml-R4 (the rcov formula in older

versions of asreml), stored as a character. To remove the model, enter "-(.)".

label A character string to use as the label in test. summary and which indicates what

is being tested.

simpler A logical indicating whether the new model to be fitted is simpler than the al-

ready fitted model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asreml object is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

positive.zero

Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound.test.parameters is set to "one-and-one",

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it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT.asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asreml. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asreml object for the two models.

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to autommatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

A character that controls both the occurence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) the residual (rcov) model is that specified in terms (ii) those specified via . . . .

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the new asrtests.object.

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the terms in set.terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

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initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial.values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

... Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and as.asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests.object containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab, and (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml.obj will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

## See Also

```
asremlPlus-package, as.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, testswapran.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

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Tests, using a REMLRT, the significance of the difference between the current random model and one in which oldterms are dropped and newterms are added. The result is recorded in an asrtests.object.

#### **Description**

Fits a new random model using asreml by removing oldterms and adding newterms. If simpler = FALSE the model to be fitted must be more complex than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj. That is, the new model must have more parameters. However, if simpler = TRUE the model to be fitted must be simpler than the one whose fit has been stored in asrtests.obj in that it must have fewer parameters. The test is a REML ratio test that is performed using REMLRT.asreml, which is only valid if the models are nested. It compares the newly fitted model with the fit of the model in asrtests.obj. A row is added to the test.summary data.frame using the supplied label. If the newly fitted model is retained, any boundary terms are then removed using rmboundary.asrtests. If the models are not nested, then using changeModelOnIC.asrtests may be the more appropriate approach for comparing models.

# Usage

## **Arguments**

asrtests.obj an asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the components

 $(i) \; asreml.obj, (ii) \; wald.tab \; (iii) \; test.summary.$ 

oldterms Terms, stored as a character, that are to be removed from the random model using asreml. The names of the terms must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in asrtests.obj. Note that multiple terms specified using a single asreml::at function can only be dropped as a whole. If the term was specified using an asreml::at function with a single level, then it can be removed and either the level itself or its numeric position in

the levels returned by the levels function can be specified.

newterms Terms, stored as a character, that are to be added to the random model using

 $\quad \text{asreml.} \quad$ 

simpler A logical indicating whether the new model to be fitted. after the changes made

as a result of swapping oldterms for newterms, is simpler than the already fitted

model whose fit is stored in asrtests.obj.

alpha The significance level for the test.

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allow.unconverged

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it does not converge. If FALSE and the fit of the new model does not converge, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. Also, if FALSE and the fit of the new model has converged, but that of the old model has not, the new model will be accepted.

allow.fixedcorrelation

A logical indicating whether to accept a new model even when it contains correlations in the model whose values have been designated as fixed, bound or singular. If FALSE and the new model contains correlations whose values have not been able to be estimated, the supplied asrtests.obj is returned. The fit in the asreml.obj component of the supplied asrtests.obj will also be tested and a warning issued if both fixed correlations are found in it and allow.fixedcorrelation is FALSE.

checkboundaryonly

If TRUE then boundary and singular terms are not removed by rmboundary.asrtests; a warning is issued instead.

label A character string to use as the label in test. summary and which indicates what is being tested.

> Indicates whether the hypothesized values for the variance components being tested are on the boundary of the parameter space. For example, this is true for positively-constrained variance components that, under the reduced model, are zero. This argument does not need to be set if bound.test.parameters is set.

bound.test.parameters

Indicates whether for the variance components being tested, at least some of the hypothesized values are on the boundary of the parameter space. The possibilities are "none", "onlybound" and "one-and-one". The default is "none", although if it is set to "none" and positive.zero is TRUE then bound.test.parameters is taken to be "onlybound". When bound. test. parameters is set to "one-and-one", it signifies that there are two parameters being tested, one of which is bound and the other is not. For example, the latter is true for testing a covariance and a positively-constrained variance component that, under the reduced model, are zero.

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound (constraint) codes that will result in a variance parameter being excluded from the count of estimated variance parameters in using REMLRT.asreml. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

A numeric giving the difference in the number of variance parameters whose estimates are not of the type specified in bound.exclusions for two models being compared in a REML ratio test using REMLRT.asreml. If NULL then this is determined from the information in the asreml object for the two models.

Specifies the method to use in computing approximate denominator degrees of freedom when wald.asreml is called. Can be none to suppress the computations, numeric for numerical methods, algebraic for algebraic methods or default, the default, to automatically choose numeric or algebraic computations depending on problem size. The denominator degrees of freedom are calculated according to Kenward and Roger (1997) for fixed terms in the dense part of the model.

A character that controls both the occurrence and the type of likelihood for information criterion in the test.summary of the new asrtests.object. If none, none are included. Otherwise, if REML, then the AIC and BIC based on the Restricted Maximum Likelihood are included; if full, then the AIC and BIC

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based on the full likelihood, evaluated using REML estimates, are included. (See also infoCriteria.asreml.)

trace If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

update If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model

to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml.object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set.terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being (i) for

the supplied oldterms and (ii) those specified via . . . .

set. terms A character vector specifying the terms that are to have bounds and/or initial

values set prior to fitting. The names must match those in the vparameters component of the asreml.obj component in the asrtests.object.

ignore.suffices

A logical vector specifying whether the suffices of the asreml-assigned names of the variance terms (i.e. the information to the right of an "!", other than "R!") is to be ignored in matching elements of terms. If TRUE for an element of terms, the suffices are stripped from the asreml-assigned names. If FALSE for an element of terms, the element must exactly match an asreml-assigned name for a variance term. This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same action is applied to the asreml-

assigned suffices for all the terms in terms.

bounds A character vector specifying the bounds to be applied to the terms specified in set.terms. This vector must be of length one or the same length as set.terms. If it is of length one then the same constraint is applied to all the

terms in set. terms. If any of the bounds are equal to NA then they are left

unchanged for those terms.

initial.values A character vector specifying the initial values for the terms specified in terms.

This vector must be of length one or the same length as terms. If it is of length one then the same initial value is applied to all the terms in terms. If any of the initial values are equal to NA then they are left unchanged for those terms.

... Further arguments passed to asreml, wald.asreml and as.asrtests.

#### Value

An asrtests.object for a fitted model that is a list containing the components (i) asreml.obj, (ii) wald.tab (iii) test.summary. If the term is not in the model, then the supplied asreml object will be returned. Also, reml.test will have the likelihood ratio and the p-value set to NA and the degrees of freedom to zero. Similarly, the row of test.summary for the term will have its name, a p-value set to NA, and action set to Absent.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

## References

Kenward, M. G., & Roger, J. H. (1997). Small sample inference for fixed effects from restricted maximum likelihood. *Biometrics*, **53**, 983-997.

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#### See Also

```
as.asrtests, chooseModel.asrtests, REMLRT.asreml, rmboundary.asrtests, newfit.asreml, testresidual.asrtests, changeModelOnIC.asrtests, changeTerms.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests
```

# **Examples**

validAlldiffs

Checks that an object is a valid alldiffs object.

# Description

Checks that an object is an alldiffs.object of S3-class alldiffs containing the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

# Usage

```
validAlldiffs(object)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object an alldiffs.object.
```

## Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid alldiffs.object.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
alldiffs.object, is.alldiffs, as.alldiffs, validPredictionsFrame, validAsrtests
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#### **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
\ensuremath{\mbox{\#\#}} Use lmerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
             requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
      m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                                                                                              data=Oats.dat)
      Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
      Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
      den.df <- min(Var.preds$df)</pre>
      ## Modify Var.preds to be compatible with a predictions.frame
      \label{lem:continuous} \mbox{ Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean", predictins = "emmean", predictions = "emmean", predictions = "emmean", pr
                                                                                                                         se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                                                                                                         interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
      Var.vcov <- vcov(Var.emm)</pre>
      Var.sed <- NULL
      ## Form an all.diffs object
         Var.diffs <- as.alldiffs(predictions = Var.preds, classify = "Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                                                                              sed = Var.sed, vcov = Var.vcov, tdf = den.df)
      ## check the validity of Var.diffs
      validAlldiffs(Var.diffs)
```

validAsrtests

Checks that an object is a valid asrtests object.

#### **Description**

Checks that an object is an asrtests.object of S3-class asrtests containing the components asreml.obj, wald.tab and test.summary.

#### Usage

```
validAsrtests(object)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object an asrtests.object.
```

#### Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid asrtests.object.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
asrtests.object, is.asrtests, as.asrtests,
validPredictionsFrame, validAlldiffs
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(dae)
library(asreml)
library(asremlPlus)
## use ?Wheat.dat for data set details
data(Wheat.dat)
# Fit initial model
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                       random = \sim Row + Column + units,
                       residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                       data=Wheat.dat)
# Load current fit into an asrtests object
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
# check validity of current.asrt
validAsrtests(current.asrt)
## End(Not run)
```

validPredictionsFrame Checks that an object is a valid predictions.frame.

# Description

Checks that an object is a predictions. frame of S3-class data. frame that contains the columns predicted.value, standard.error and est.status.

# Usage

```
validPredictionsFrame(object)
```

# **Arguments**

```
object an predictions.frame.
```

## Value

TRUE or a character describing why the object is not a valid predictions. frame.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
predictions.frame, is.predictions.frame, as.predictions.frame,
validAsrtests, validAlldiffs
```

# **Examples**

```
data(Oats.dat)
  ## Use asreml to get predictions and associated statistics
  ## Not run:
  m1.asr <- asreml(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety,</pre>
                    random=~Blocks/Wplots,
                    data=Oats.dat)
  current.asrt <- as.asrtests(m1.asr)</pre>
  Var.pred <- asreml::predict.asreml(m1.asr, classify="Nitrogen:Variety",</pre>
                                        sed=TRUE)
  if (getASRemlVersionLoaded(nchar = 1) == "3")
    Var.pred <- Var.pred$predictions</pre>
  Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.pred$pvals, se = "std.error",</pre>
                                      est.status = "status")
## End(Not run)
  ## Use ImerTest and emmmeans to get predictions and associated statistics
  if (requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE) &
      requireNamespace("emmeans", quietly = TRUE))
    m1.lmer <- lmerTest::lmer(Yield ~ Nitrogen*Variety + (1|Blocks/Wplots),</pre>
                               data=Oats.dat)
    Var.emm <- emmeans::emmeans(m1.lmer, specs = ~ Nitrogen:Variety)</pre>
    Var.preds <- summary(Var.emm)</pre>
    Var.preds <- as.predictions.frame(Var.preds, predictions = "emmean",</pre>
                                        se = "SE", interval.type = "CI",
                                        interval.names = c("lower.CL", "upper.CL"))
  }
  if (exists("Var.preds"))
    ## Check the class and validity of the predictions.frame
    is.predictions.frame(Var.preds)
    validPredictionsFrame(Var.preds)
  }
```

variofaces.asreml

Plots empirical variogram faces, including envelopes, as described by Stefanova, Smith & Cullis (2009).

# **Description**

A function that produces a plot for each face of an empirical 2D variogram based on residuals produced after the fitting of a model using the function asreml. It also adds envelopes to the plot by simulating data sets in parallel from a multivariate normal distribution with expectation equal

to the fitted values obtained from the fixed and spline terms and variance matrix equal to the fitted variance matrix (Stefanova, Smith & Cullis, 2009). The plot is controlled by the residual model, which must consist of two factors corresponding to the two physical dimensions underlying the data. It can also have a third term involving the at or dsum function that defines sections of the data, such as experiments in different environments. In this case, the two variogram faces are produced for each section.

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#### **Arguments**

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asreml.obj An asreml object from a call to asreml in which the data argument has been

set.

means The vector of means to be used in generating simulated data sets. If it is NULL,

the fitted values based on object are used. It must be the same length as the

response variable for object.

V The fitted variance matrix, i.e. having the appropriate pattern and values given the model fitted to the observed data and the estimates of the parameters ob-

tained. If V is NULL then estimateV.asreml is called to obtain it from asreml.obj

sections A single character string that specifies the name of the column in the  $\mathsf{data}$ . frame

that contains the factor that identifies different sections of the data to which

separate spatial models have been fitted.

row. factor A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the rows of a grid

that are one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a col-

umn in the data. frame stored in the asreml.obj.

col.factor A single character string nominating a factor that indexes the columns of a grid that are one dimension of a spatial correlation model. The factor must a

column in the data.frame stored in the asreml.obj.

nsim The number of data sets to be simulated in obtaining the envelopes.

A single value, interpreted as an integer, that specifies the starting value of the random number generator. The "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random generator is used

and nextRNGStream is used to seed each core from the original seed.

extra.matrix A matrix of order equal to the number of observations that is to be added to

tions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

the variance matrix, the latter based on the information in asreml.obj. It is assumed that the sigma-parameterized values of the variance parameter estimates, such as is given in the varcomp component of summary.asreml, have been used in calculating extra.matrix; the values in the vparameters component of G.param and R.param may be either gamma- or sigma-parameterized. The argument extra.matrix can be used in conjunction with ignore.terms as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance func-

ignore.terms

A character giving terms from either the random or residual models that are to be ignored in that their contributions to the variance is not to be included in the estimated matrix. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary.asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!). This can be used in conjunction with estimateV. asreml as a workaround to include components of the variance matrix for variance functions that have not been implemented in estimateV.

fixed.spline.terms

A character vector giving one or more spline terms in the random model that are regarded as fixed and so are to be ignored because they are not regarded as contributing to the variance. The term names are those given in the vparameters component of the asreml object or the varcomp component produced by summary. asreml, but only up to the first exclamation mark (!).

bound.exclusions

A character specifying one or more bound codes that will result in a variance parameter in the random model being excluded from contributing to the variance. If set to NULL then none will be excluded.

The value such that eigenvalues less than it are considered to be zero. tolerance

> A character indicating whether the BLUPs for units are added to the residuals when this reserved factor is included in the random model. Possible values are addtoresiduals and ignore. If standardized conditional residuals are plotted and the BLUPs for units are to be added then it is the standardized BLUPs that

are added.

If TRUE, and set.terms is NULL, then newfit.asreml is called to fit the model to be tested, using the values of the variance parameters stored in the asreml. object, that is stored in asrtests.obj, as starting values. If FALSE or set. terms is not NULL, then newfit.asreml will not use the stored variance parameter values as starting values when fitting the new model, the only modifications being ((i) the model is fitted to simulated data and (ii) those specified via ..., except that

If TRUE then partial iteration details are displayed when ASReml-R functions

are invoked; if FALSE then no output is displayed.

changes cannot be made to any of the models.

A character specifying a graphics device for plotting. The default is

graphics.device = NULL, which will result in plots being produced on the current graphics device. Setting it to "windows", for example, will result in a win-

dows graphics device being opened.

A numeric specifying the number of cores to use in doing the simulations. In choosing a value for ncores, it is necessary to take into account other processes

that are using parallel processing at the same time.

Other arguments that are passed down to the function asreml. Changes to the models are not allowed. Other changes are dangerous and generally should be

avoided.

#### **Details**

The residual model is scanned to ensure that it involves only two factors not included in the at function, and to see if it has a third factor in an at function. If so, the faces of the 2D variogram, each based on one of the two non-at factors, are derived from the residuals in the supplied asreml object using asreml.variogram, this yielding the observed variogram faces. If aom was set to

units

update

trace

graphics.device

ncores

TRUE for the asreml object, the standardized conditional residuals are used. Then nsim data sets are generated by adding the fitted.values, extracted from the asreml object, to a vector of values randomly generated from a normal distribution with expectation zero and variance matrix V. Each data set is analyzed using the model in object and several sets are generated and analyzed in parallel. The variogram values for the faces are obtained using asreml.variogram stored. Note, if the analysis for a data set does not converge in maxiter iterations, it is discarded and a replacement data set generated. The value of maxiter can be specified in the call to variofaces.asreml. Plots are produced for each face and include the observed values and the 2.5%, 50% & 97.5% quantiles.

#### Value

A list with the following components:

- face1: a data. frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the first dimension is based.
- 2. **face2:** a data. frame containing the variogram values on which the plot for the second dimension is based.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Stefanova, K. T., Smith, A. B. & Cullis, B. R. (2009) Enhanced diagnostics for the spatial analysis of field trials. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, **14**, 392–410.

## See Also

asremlPlus-package, asreml, newfit.asreml, plotVariofaces.data.frame, simulate.asreml, set.seed.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Wheat.dat)
current.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Rep + WithinColPairs + Variety,</pre>
                        random = ~ Row + Column + units,
                        residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                        data=Wheat.dat)
current.asrt <- as.asrtests(current.asr, NULL, NULL)</pre>
current.asrt <- rmboundary.asrtests(current.asrt)</pre>
# Form variance matrix based on estimated variance parameters
s2 <- current.asr$sigma2</pre>
gamma.Row <- current.asr$gammas[1]</pre>
gamma.unit <- current.asr$gammas[2]</pre>
rho.r <- current.asr$gammas[4]</pre>
rho.c <- current.asr$gammas[5]</pre>
row.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=10, rho=rho.r)</pre>
col.ar1 <- mat.ar1(order=15, rho=rho.c)</pre>
V <- gamma.Row * fac.sumop(Wheat.dat$Row) +</pre>
     gamma.unit * diag(1, nrow=150, ncol=150) +
     mat.dirprod(col.ar1, row.ar1)
V <- s2*V
```

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```
#Produce variogram faces plot (Stefanaova et al, 2009)
variofaces(current.asr, V=V, ncores = parallel::detectCores())
## End(Not run)
```

WaterRunoff.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff over time

### **Description**

This data is from an experiment to investigate the quality of water runoff. However, it has been modified to hide the true identity of the Species and Sources. It is used to provide executable examples of the functions listed under **Examples**.

#### Usage

```
data(WaterRunoff.dat)
```

#### **Format**

A data.frame containing 440 observations of 13 variables.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

# Source

Kazemi, F. (pers. comm.)

# See Also

```
chooseModel.asrtests, reparamSigDevn.asrtests,
plotPredictions.data.frame, predictPlus.asreml, predictPresent.asreml
```

Wheat.dat

Data for a 1976 experiment to investigate 25 varieties of wheat

#### **Description**

The data appears in Gilmour et al. (1995) and is from a field experiment designed to compare the performance of 25 varieties of spring wheat. An analysis of it using asreml is presented by Butler et al. (2023, Section 7.6), although they suggest that it is a barley experiment. It is used in the Wheat vignettes [Enter vignette(package = "asremlPlus")] as an executable example of the use of the asremlPlus to analyse a data set.

The experiment was conducted at Slate Hall Farm, UK, in 1976 and was designed as a balanced lattice square with 6 replicates laid out in a  $10 \times 15$  rectangular grid. The columns in the data frame are: Rep, Row, Column, WithinColPairs, Variety, yield. The response variable is the grain yield.

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# Usage

data(Wheat.dat)

#### **Format**

A data frame containing 150 observations of 6 variables.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### **Source**

Butler, D. G., Cullis, B. R., Gilmour, A. R., Gogel, B. J. and Thompson, R. (2023). *ASReml-R Reference Manual Version 4.2.* VSN International Ltd, https://asreml.kb.vsni.co.uk/.

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